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Plans for revived carnival growing

DOZENS of people are expected to turn out for a public meeting as campaigners bid to revive Halesowen Carnival.

Talks have been brokered with other community groups and associations including Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club to help bring the festival back.

It would be the first time a carnival and street parade had taken place in the town since 1986.

It previously attracted thousands into the town.

Campaigners want to recreate the carnival and stage a street parade next July to link in with the Black Country Day festival.

Rowley Regis resident and organiser Simon Walker, who is leading the bid, said he had been taken aback by the messages of support from the community.

A carnival appeal logo has been created by 16-year-old Lauren Webb, who is keen to promote the event, planned for next July, on social media.

The group have also set up an online account for people to donate money to help cover costs.

It is hoped there will be a high turnout for the next public meeting at Halesowen Library's Shennstone Theatre and adjoining Caslon Hall on September 6.

Cheers! Pub voted best

A PUB is celebrating after it was praised for its ale. Graham's Place, Wollaston, has been awarded Britain's best pub of the year by Stourbridge and Halesowen Camra.

Owner Graham Webster said: "It is a great honour to have won this award considering the quality of the pubs."

Branch press officer Simon Hanson said: "It is always a hard task to decide the winner as there are many fantastic pubs, but this year Graham's Place was the clear winner."

BURGLARS RAID FOOTBALL CLUB

View loss fears over centre for visitors

A CAMPAIGNER has raised concerns over a proposed £2.5 million visitor centre near Stourbridge which he says could affect views from Halesowen.

Mick Freer is among a number of people who have objected to the plans for Hagley Hall.

But National Trust and English Heritage bosses have welcomed the scheme for Hagley Park saying it would provide public access to the historic beauty spot.

Mr Freer represents the Halesowen Abbey Trust which aims to safeguard the Manor Abbey ruins in the town centre.

In a letter to Bromsgrove Council, he said the plans could harm views of the neighbouring Clent Hills between the village and Halesowen.

"The Clent Hills and the land down to the A456 are an important visual and informal recreational amenity, which remain unspoilt," he said.

"Indeed, a major public right of way, giving access to the Clent Hills, is adversely affected by the proposed development."

Proposals for a visitor centre have been unveiled as the next stage of a tourism project. Estate owner Lord Cobham wants to reopen the parkland in a bid to boost income.

Nursery plans are revealed

PLANS have been revealed to transform an office block in Stourbridge into a nursery and pre-school.

Twinkle Toes Day Nursery has submitted a proposal for a change of use for the building in New Road.

It is part of a cul-de-sac created off the three lane ring road near the New Road Methodist Church.

In a statement to Dudley Council, the developers said the amount of parking would be reduced outside to create a secure play area.

By Andrew Turton

OFFICIALS vowed to step up security after they were left counting the costs of a burglary at the home of Halesowen Town.

Thousands of pounds of damage were caused when thieves smashed their way in the ground. Televisions were ripped from the walls of James Grove Lounge and a quantity of cash was stolen.

Doors were kicked through at the club shop and the press box at The Grove Stadium sometime between 7pm on Saturday to 8.30am on Monday.

Police said two LG televisions worth around £800 were taken, some cash and around £400 worth of spirits from the bar.

Officers said a window was forced open causing around £400 of damage as well as damage to the doors.

The theft came on the eve of the club's first home game of the season on Tuesday against Belper Town in the Evo Stik Northern Premier League Premier Division.

Club chairman Colin Brookes joined stadium maintenance volunteer Anthony Brettle to survey the damage and said they were determined to fight back.

He said the club would look at ways to boost security including CCTV in a bid to deter thieves.

"When things like this happen, once we have got everything sorted in the aftermath, the next thing is we must look at security," he said.

"We want to make sure this won't happen again so we will be doing all we can. We have had so many messages of support." He said the club



Volunteer Anthony Brettle looks at the emptied till

had been most concerned by the amount of spirits stolen from the bar, which is a vital source of income for club coffers.

"The James Grove Lounge is one of our main ways of making money so it is disappointing that this has happened," he said.

"We had volunteers come down to help us get things sorted before the game."

The break in came after around £5,000 has been spent during the pre-season on improvements at the ground.

Police have appealed for anyone who noticed any suspicious activity at the time of the raid to call 101.

Graffiti tags crackdown launched

BUILDINGS, road signs and bus shelters have all been targeted after more than 150 graffiti tags were daubed across Halesowen.

Police have launched a crackdown after residents complained about the signs which have appeared on a host of properties and public places.

Thousands of pounds worth of damage has been caused.

Police said they believe the tags have appeared in stages over the past two months.

Officers have issued images of the signs in a bid to catch those responsible.

Tags have been sprayed over bus shelters, road signs, walls, fences, subways and business properties. The most used are FLAVE, CNS (city never sleeps), FANTA, BORIS, TRAKZ, SORT, ROTE and HOPE.

Mucklow Hill, Stourbridge Road and Beeches Road are three areas where thousands of pounds worth of damage has been caused.

Police spokesman Billy Corrigan said: "Officers have spoken to local people, taken evidential photographs and are checking CCTV footage."

Halesowen Councillor David Vickers described the vandalism as 'dreadful' and said action was needed.

"It is mindblowing to think people would do this," he said.

Anyone with information should call officers on 101 or Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.



Some of the graffiti tags in Halesowen which have been issued by the police

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Man, 22, burgled his cousin's home

A MAN has been jailed for burgling his cousin's home while his partner in crime escaped a prison sentence after a judge heard how he hoped to study philosophy.

Chad Fellows and Chad Welch burst through the unlocked back door of the property in Cowdrey Close, Amblecote, before taking valuables worth £2,470, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. A

neighbour spotted the pair loading up a blue Escort van and she made a note of the registration number. The vehicle was later found empty in Lower Gornal but could be forensically linked to Fellows.

Mr Mark Rees, prosecuting, said both denied involvement but later pleaded guilty to burglary.

Defending Fellows, Miss Rachel Harris said he had acted on impulse

because he had debts to pay. Fellows, of The Broadway, Dudley, was 'shocked and embarrassed' by what he had done, she said, particularly as some of the family had cut off contact with his mother as a result.

Mr Stephen Hamblett, defending Welch, also of The Broadway, described him as an intelligent young man who had completed his A levels and hoped to study philosophy at

university. The pizza delivery man was a published poet but had 'got in with the wrong people'

Jailing 22-year-old Fellows for nine months, Recorder Derek Chinnery told him: "I see you very much as the prime mover." Welch was given a six-month prison sentence suspended for 12 months and ordered to do 125 hours' unpaid work and pay £1,180 compensation.

Love rival attacked driver with his belt

A MAN from Halesowen who ambushed a love-rival's car and set about him with a belt has been made the subject of a 12-month supervision order.

Mark Coley, aged 26, of Westbourne Road, was told he must take part in an alcohol awareness course as part of the terms of the order when he appeared before Wolverhampton Crown Court last week week.

Pub battle is stepped up by group

A GROUP campaigning to stop a Dudley pub from being replaced by a supermarket hope to get more than a thousand signatures on its petition.

The Save the Seven Stars group met in the Sedgley pub and restaurant last week and set up a committee to lead the fight.

Morrisons has approached pub owners Marston's about buying the building in Gospel End Road.

Nearly 100 people attended the meeting and agreed that the committee should meet Sedgley UKIP councillor Bill Etheridge to discuss the campaign.

Against

Mr Etheridge has said he is against the loss of the pub and is worried that a new supermarket could hit local independent traders.

Committee member Zoe Huddleston, of Southview Road, said more than 800 people had already signed petition in shops in the centre of Sedgley and on the Brownswall estate in a bid to save the popular pub.

More than 480 people have also joined the Save the Seven Stars group on Facebook.

Mr David Lees, prosecuting, said Bradley Manning had been in a relationship with Coley's ex-girlfriend, leading to considerable ill feeling on Coley's part.

He said on May 5 Mr Manning was driving in Dudley Road, Rowley Regis. When he passed The Cock Inn, he became aware of Coley emerging from an alley.

"He stepped out in front of Mr Manning's vehicle, Mr Manning describes the defendant as having no concern for his safety," said Mr Lees.

The driver had to brake hard to avoid a collision, and swerve around Coley.

"He saw that the defendant had something in his hand which he swung towards Mr Manning's car. He heard a bang as it struck his car, and Mr Manning stepped out of his car to see what was going on," Mr Lees said.

"When he got out to see what had happened Coley ran towards him swinging a belt with a large metal buckle."

The belt struck Mr Manning on the right cheek and Coley started punching him in the face.

Under questioning by police, Coley said he had been drinking heavily that day.

"He had been drinking cans of cider and, accepted he had taken cocaine," said Mr Lees.

Mr Malcolm Fowler, for Coley, said he recognised he needed to address his drinking.

Mini is a memorial on wheels



George Marsh has restored and decorated his Mini car with poppies

A MINI enthusiast has come up with a unique way of paying his respects to the soldiers who lost their lives during the First World War — while also raising money for the Royal British Legion.

George Marsh, 59, from Kingswinford, bought the car for just £350 two years ago and has spent 18 months turning it into a tribute to the fallen soldiers of the war.

He had help from his son, Brian, a mechanic and car painter, who also owns a vintage Mini. They stripped it and re-painted

the exterior, including a huge poppy on the roof and further poppies and images of soldiers on the sides. Mr Marsh said: "We're a bit Mini-mad. We have four in the family."

"We stripped it down so that it was just a shell with an engine and then did the panels and put it all back together. It was originally bought for my granddaughter but she wanted a modern car so I had it instead."

Anyone who wants to use the car for fundraising can contact him at **georgemarsh@blueyonder.co.uk**

Builder in court on duping charges

A BUILDER has appeared in court accused of conning customers, failing to complete jobs and refusing to return their money.

Richard Knight is alleged to have defrauded three residents in the Sedgley and Kingswinford areas, continuing his fraudulent trading for more than a year.

Knight, aged 45, of Pinfold Street, Darlaston, pleaded not guilty to eight charges of fraud and another of participating in a fraudulent business.

He also denied two charges of theft and another of engaging in an aggressive commercial practice.

Most of the alleged offences are said to have taken place in 2011, starting in February and continuing into early 2012.

One of the fraud charges alleges that to make a gain for himself he made a representation to the Express & Star which he knew was untrue and misleading namely that Muddy Boots and Gardens was a trading name of A Salter when the business was, in fact, his.

Recorder Derek Chinnery remanded him on bail until next May when appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court for a trial scheduled to last two weeks.

Butterflies at celebrations

A PARTY with a butterfly theme has been held to celebrate the 35th anniversary of a disability club.

The event for Lye and Wollescote Disabled Club on August 2 included songs from Kenny and catering from Andor.

The club was founded by Harold Bolter in 1979, started with funds from a huge jumble sale, organised by friends and neighbours.

Monthly meetings are held with entertainment and a supper. Only five have been missed in 35 years due to bad weather and once because of a venue problem.

Lifeboat boost

COLLECTIONS for Brierley Hill and Kingswinford branch of lifeboat charity RNLI has raised £543. They took place on August 9. On October 17 members of the Aberdovey Lifeboat Crew will be at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club to talk about their work.

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Tenants get house swap help sessions

RESIDENTS across Dudley borough are being invited to a series of events to get more information on how to swap their homes.

The Let's Swap events are designed for Dudley Council and housing association tenants who are looking for a larger property due to over-crowding and those looking to downsize.

It will allow them to find out more about the mutual exchange service and how it can help them avoid the housing waiting list.

A housing officer will talk through the process of registering and searching for a property and attendees will be able to view available properties, including those outside the borough, online.

Councillor Gaye Partridge, cabinet member for housing, said: "These events are an ideal opportunity for tenants to find out about the Let's Swap service."

"This scheme can save those tenants who wish to move to another property from having to use the traditional method of joining the waiting lists."

The events will be held from 10am until 1pm today (Thursday) at Brierley Hill Library, and at Stourbridge Library on August 28 and September 1.

Search film to be screened

THE charity Rethink Mental Illness will screen a documentary in Dudley about 27-year-old Jonny Benjamin's search to find the stranger who stopped him taking his own life.

The film, called Finding Mike, will be shown free at Rethink Dudley, King Street, on Tuesday from 6pm to 7pm. Refreshments will be served.

Sarah Hill, from Rethink Mental Illness in Dudley, said: "I think that Jonny is an inspirational character and want to raise as much awareness as possible about his Finding Mike campaign."

Relatives sought

A CORONER is hoping to find the family members of a woman who died on August 8.

Dorothy Charles, aged 61, died at home in Enfield Road, Rowley Regis. Any relations should contact coroner's officer Elaine Hucklefield on 0845 352 7490.

Images issued of man wanted over bus assault



Image of a man wanted over the assault

THIS man is being sought by police in connection with an assault on a woman on a bus.

CCTV images have been released in a bid to trace the man after the incident on the number 87 bus travelling through Dudley town centre.

Police say the man got on the double decker at the town's bus station at the same time as the 20-year-old woman.

Officers believe he allowed her to get on in front of him before choosing to sit down next to her,

despite there being several free seats downstairs.

The man got close to the young woman before leaning across and touching her leg.

She shouted out at him but he refused to move, forcing her to push past him to report the incident to the driver.

The woman got off the bus before making her way to a police station to report the crime.

Detective sergeant Emma Holder said: "It would appear that this young woman was tar-

geted, as there were other seats available on the bus.

"We want to trace the man captured on CCTV so that he can be spoken with regarding the allegation."

"Anyone who recognises the man is urged to come forward with his name or encourage him to present himself to police."

Police say the incident happened shortly after 7.40pm on May 31 but have only just released details of it.



The man wanted by police

Arts centre scheme for college in latest revamp

A PERFORMING arts centre, catering for hundreds of students, will be the next phase of a multi-million pound transformation of Halesowen College, starting in next spring.

The £3m project will provide teaching rooms and rehearsal space for students on music, drama and dance courses and will be built at the Whittingham Road campus.

It is the latest stage at the site which is seeing £20million invested in replacing outdated buildings.

The college has been struggling to provide enough space for the growing number of students taking performing arts courses.

Some are currently having to travel off campus to use facilities at Benjamins, a function and conference hall, in the town centre.

The venue is used by students for daytime sound checks and performances. Some lectures take place on campus. Bosses said having on-site teaching rooms will cut costs for both students and the college.

It's estimated that from September more than 200 students would have to use facilities at Benjamins.

As well as up to six classrooms, the building will have a performance hall with viewing gallery, which could be used for art shows.

It will be built on a piece of grassed land which is not currently used for anything.

Principal Keith Bate has submitted plans for the new building to Dudley College.

He said: "The new building will provide students with bespoke accommodation for both the rehearsal and the performance of music, dance and drama."

"The proposed development will enhance this area of the campus significantly by developing an area of underused land."

People can enter by visiting www.halesowencycling.net or on the day.

Fans go wild for visit by Union J



First in line to meet Union J for the signing session was 14-year-old Ellie Fisher, from Rowley Regis

HORDES of teenagers descended on a record store in Merry Hill shopping centre to catch a glimpse of heart-throb boyband Union J.

The X Factor boys, JJ, Josh, George and Jaymi, stopped off at HMV shop on Monday during the promotional tour for their new single Tonight (We Live Forever).

They caused a screaming gathering of excitable fans to form out of the front door and out into the Brierley Hill shopping centre.

Josh Cuthbert, 22, said: "This is the

first day of signing for our first single off of our second album."

"We spend a lot of time in the studio and doing things like that so it's nice to get out here and see the girls, and guys, who support us."

Rush

The band's last album, Union J, reached number six in the albums chart.

Josh said: "The album won't be out until the end of the year or maybe

next year, but the single was released yesterday and it's so exciting to watch it climb the charts."

"It's a rush for us."

Back out in the store, the fans waited patiently for the band to arrive in a hail of ear-piercing screams with their copy of the single in hand.

It is currently at number five in the singles chart.

Zoe Welch, 15, from Brierley Hill, said: "My favourite song is their new song, I really love it."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Crackdown over problem parking

A CRACKDOWN on problem parking at a Dudley business park has been announced. Cars have been clogging up the roads on the Castlegate site during the day and evenings.

Council bosses said vehicles left by visitors to restaurants and the Showcase Cinema, as well as other businesses on roads including Castlegate Way are causing a nuisance. It has prompted fears the routes could be blocked making it harder for emergency services to access the site.

Dudley Council plans tougher parking curbs.

Chippy reopens after car crash

A FISH and chip shop in Dudley has reopened a week after a car drove through its front window.

Asa Singh, who owns Mandy's Tasty Plaice with his wife Mandy, said: "It was a miracle no-one was hurt. We have been working around the clock to get reopen and we have finally managed it."

The front window of the store in Commonsides, also known as the Tasty Fish Bar, was smashed when the BMW mounted the pavement.

Cannabis plants seized at house

SIXTY cannabis plants were seized in a drugs swoop by police in Dudley.

Police seized the plants during a search of a house in Birmingham New Road, but nobody was present and no arrest were made.

West Midlands Police spokeswoman, Sarah Buxton, said a warrant under the misuse of drugs act took place around 10am on Sunday. Anyone with information should call 101.

Hospital marks its 20th anniversary

HOSPITAL staff have celebrated a milestone. Rowley Regis Community Hospital has turned 20 after being opened in 1994 by the Duchess of Kent.

Members of the board at Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust visited the Moor Lane site to share a cake with doctors, nurses and other workers.

Power cut strikes

SOME 600 homes were affected by a power cut in Cosely on Monday. Western Power Distribution said it was caused by a faulty underground cable. Power was lost at 1pm but it was back within an hour.

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THE Tories' latest brainwave is to knock on the doors of terraced houses, ascertain that the occupants are hard-working folk and then spit in their faces. That's not strictly true. What the Tories are actually doing is inviting White Dee of Benefits Street to be a guest speaker at their conference. But it amounts to the same thing.

IN Scotland Votes (BBC2) Andrew Neil wasted far too much time agonising about what would happen to Trident and the UK nuclear deterrent if an independent Scotland ordered all nuclear warheads off its territory. The filing cabinets of Whitehall are stuffed full of contingency plans for everything from the Russians landing in Oman to France annexing Dover. If Alex Salmond's government declared a nuclear-free Scotland, the contingency plans would be dusted off and the Trident submarines would slip silently under the Clyde, reappearing a few days later in the mothballed pens which have been ready for them for the past 50 years. I'm guessing somewhere on the east coast of the United States but this is all Top Secret so you mustn't tell anyone.

A BIBLE basher refers me to the Book of Zechariah which predicts the end of the world shortly after Israel is invaded by "a power from the north" which he says could be Russia, Iran or Isis. That's the great thing about prophecies. You write them in 500 BC and 2,514 years later they finally come right (or more likely, wrong).

WE woke to the news that Robin Williams was dead. If you switched on the radio and caught the tributes before you realised who they were talking about, you'd never have guessed the dead person was a Hollywood celebrity. They said he was kind, sweet and humble. There's not a lot of that in Tinseltown.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Race for money after deal signed over park

CAMPAIGNERS have struck a deal to buy the 18th century walled garden in The Leasowes Park, Halesowen, but face a fundraising drive to complete the sale.

Members of Halesowen Abbey Trust signed an agreement with the owners of the Grade I listed garden. They have been in talks over weeks with site owners Birmingham Metropolitan College in a bid to safeguard its future.

By Andrew Turton

Spokesman Mick Freer said contracts had been exchanged for the site.

But now they have to find £20,000 to complete the purchase within three months to seal the deal.

Mr Freer said other parties had inquired about the site, but the group was keen it does not slip into private hands.

Trust members have already secured a £10,000 donation by Halesowen developer A & J Mucklow Group. They are working on ways to raise the money needed by mid-October.

The garden was abandoned around 18 months ago when Stourbridge College moved its horticultural centre for students with learning disabilities to Kidderminster.

The college, which is now part of Birmingham Metropolitan College, is working with the campaigners after they called for the site to be opened to the public. The

park is of historical significance because of the landscaping carried out by poet William Shenstone from 1743 until his death in 1763.

The walled garden was added in the 1770s. Mr Freer said: "With others parties bidding to acquire this 1.85 acre historic garden for private use, the purchase price remains commercially sensitive, but, whilst we have most of the money, we did identify a shortfall of £20,000 to find.

"With donations from the public, The Friends of the Leasowes, Dudley Council and A J Mucklow plc, we are close to having the funds.

"Other fund raising initiatives are taking place. There is no doubt that we shall get there.

"Fund raising will continue beyond purchase to provide the money to restore the site to an high standard and open it for the public."

Memorial is rediscovered



Les Bate, left, who helped the restoration with Paul Reynolds

THEY lay hidden away for years underneath a school's stage, the names of six fallen heroes.

Now, after the chance discovery of a memorial to the former students of a Stourbridge school who died in the First World War, a teacher is hoping to find the families of those whose names are inscribed.

Paul Reynolds, a geography teacher at Redhill School, was taking part in a production when he spotted the wooden plaque.

On it are the names of fallen heroes who attended Lye's Valley Road School, which joined The Girls High School to form Redhill.

Mr Reynolds said: "I was underneath the stage waiting to make my entry, running through my lines in my head, when I saw it underneath a sheet."

Although he has managed to unearth some information about the men, he is hoping their relatives can be found. He plans to invite them to a rededication ceremony.

Anyone who thinks they might be able to help should call him on 01384 816355.

Display at museum marks war centenary

A NEW exhibition has been unveiled in Dudley to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War.

Dudley Museum and Art Gallery has opened a display of treasured family items which tell the story of life on the front line and at home.

The exhibition was unveiled by Mayor of Dudley Mayor, Councillor Margaret Aston, and features a mock High Street with shop fronts, showing life as it was a century ago.

Visitors to the museum on St James' Road and can walk through the High Street and see the realities of war as the exhibition features a painted battlefield, soldier's dug out, nurse's station, mine and a trench complete with sandbags, wooden boarded floors and bomb flashes.

Poems

The mayor was joined by those who had loaned personal items to the exhibition and on display are hundreds of items including medals, original war poems and a discharge letter for a British POW from a German hospital.

The families who offered items for the display were invited to tea in the mayor's parlour before they has a private tour of the exhibition ahead of the public opening.



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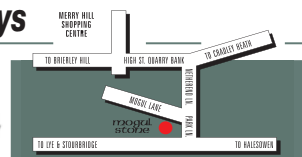
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Old folk get kits to beat burglars

THE elderly in Dudley are being given free crime busting security packs worth £1,000 by Dudley police.

They contain items such as a wire-free alarm system along with door and window locks, peep-holes and even video phone entry systems.

The kits are part of a borough-wide initiative which has seen crime rates driven down to a record low.

Dudley police have formed a partnership with local companies Theam Security and ERA Group, as well as lock specialists Yale to provide the kits, which are designed to keep burglars locked out.

They are being offered free of charge to the elderly and disabled who council workers and police identify as being at greater risk of burglary. So far, seven packs have been distributed.

One couple in their mid-70s, who did not want to be named, said: "After our burglary the police were extremely supportive, keeping us up to date and providing us with additional security within our home."

Sarah Nixon, from Halesowen police station, said: "Initiatives such as this can really make a real difference. Being the victim of a crime in your own home is an upsetting experience and we are glad that through this scheme we have been able to make people feel safer."

A-level effort pays off as students celebrate results



Ormiston Forge Academy principal Andrew Burns celebrates with two of the sixth form's successful students Harpreet Kaur and Dayna Rudge

STUDENTS across the Dudley area have been celebrating another bumper crop of A-level results, although the pass rate nationally has fallen for the first time in more than 30 years.

At Halesowen College 30 subjects achieved a pass rate of 100 per cent, including biology, French and history. Principal Keith Bate said he was proud and delighted and congratulated the highly professional and committed staff who had provided the most effective support available so that students could achieve their aims. Among those achieving high grades was Ryan Asbury, who got an A* in photography and As in fine art and graphic communication.

Ormiston Forge Academy Sixth Form, Cradley Heath, celebrated its best ever A-level and AS level results. The majority of the 120 students achieved three or more A-Level passes, 83 per cent with two or more and 100 per cent with one or more.

Principal Andrew Burns said: "We are very happy to have been able to prepare our students with excellent foundations for the next step of their lives."

"Whether they attend university or enter the world of work I am confident we have given them an excellent start."

At Bishop Milner Catholic School, Dudley, there was a pass rate of 99 per cent with 38.4 per cent of students achieving grades A* to B. The top performing student was Kishan Patel, who achieved three A's and two As and will be studying medicine at the University of Birmingham.

At King Edward VI College, Stourbridge, there was a pass rate of 99.1 per cent with 60 per cent getting A*, A or B grades.

Principal Sharon Phillips said it was a day to celebrate the successes of the students and paid tribute to the hard work of both students and staff.

At Hagley Catholic High School there was also a 99 per cent pass rate with 35 per cent of grades being A* to B. Headteacher Ted Hammond said: "Once again our A-level

By Heather Large and Charlie Benton

students have done both themselves and their families proud. Their commitment, combined with that of my highly professional and dedicated teaching staff, persist in proving a winning combination."

Birmingham Metropolitan College was celebrating an overall pass rate of 95.3 per cent. Among those with top grades was Sanjeevan Jheeta, aged 18 from Oldbury, who attends the Stourbridge campus.

"I got an A in maths, A* in accounts and a B in business studies which has secured me a place at Leicester University to do a maths degree so that I can become an actuary - someone who calculates insurance risks and premiums," he said.

Dudley College's students were told their performance over the past two years had delivered an exceptional set of results by achieving a 98 per cent pass rate - equal to the overall national rate.

They achieved a 100 per cent pass rate in 27 of the 33 subjects taught with students securing 100 per cent pass rates in music, fine art, drama and dance.

Principal Lowell Williams said: "We're delighted that we've maintained the 98 per cent A-level pass rate we established last year."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Arson attack on disused building

FIRE crews tackled a blaze at a former distribution firm in Rowley Regis.

They were called to the former Norbert Dentressangle building on Doulton Road, where they found an oil tank containing 1,000 litres of kerosene on fire.

West Midlands Fire Service said it was unknown if the blaze was started deliberately.

Eight fire crews fought for around an hour-and-a-half to bring the blaze under control on Saturday night, with 15 per cent of the building damaged.

Norbert Dentressangle vacated the site in May with the loss of 140 jobs.

Earlier this year Sandwell Council approved plans for more than 200 homes to be built on the site.

School reunion to mark 50 years

FORMER pupils from Dudley Girls' High School are invited to a reunion being held next month.

It has been organised for pupils who started at the school 50 years ago - in September 1964. The event will take place at The Brambles, Dudley, on September 13 at 7.30pm.

Former students are invited to raise a glass to the passing of 50 years, to enjoy a buffet and a catch-up with each old friends and a half century's worth of news. For further information or to book a place call (01384) 270403.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

MIRANDA Hart is one of the funniest comedy stars of our time. When you come down to it, she is just about the only purveyor of simple, funny, family friendly comedy around at the moment.

After all, who else is doing mainstream comedy these days? All we get at the moment are the tired old American imports, foul-mouthed public school stand up and endless dreary panel games populated by the usual circuit of posh boys.

Which makes it all the more depressing is that Miranda Hart has just been announced as the new host of the Generation Game. Let's be honest. There are lots of shows from the 1970s that are well worth reviving, but the Generation Game isn't one of them.

There was only one host who truly made it work, and no, he didn't wear a toupe. Larry Grayson was good. Sharp as a knife, quick witted and entertaining.

Larry Grayson's Generation Game was the perfect warm up to Saturday-night viewing, with Mike Yarwood, Juliet Bravo, or whatever else on afterwards. But take away Grayson, and all you really had was a few middle-aged housewives making a pig's ear of pottery or cake decorating or whatever.

Which is not really much of an improvement on watching oddballs murdering popular tunes of the past decade or so. Or washed-up politicians and minor celebrities trying their hand at the tango. It really is tragic.

Miranda, if you've got any sense, think again. Stick to what you're good at. Writing sitcoms. And leave the Generation Game where it truly belongs. To the past generation.

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AFTER what seems like one of the shortest close-seasons in years, the football season is well and truly back with us.

Normally, this is a time of hope and optimism, of looking forward to the new season. And indeed my team, Aston Villa, made a reasonably solid start, notching up a difficult 1-0 victory away to Stoke City.

So why is it I can't ever remember going into a new season feeling quite so underwhelmed? Well maybe it is something to do with a statistic in a quiz by the Football League Trust last week. Essentially, it asked, if all the teams in the Premier League during the 2012/2013 season were ranked in order of how much they spent on players, how would that differ from the actual league table at the end of the season?

Depressingly, the answer is that one solitary team actually performed better on the field than they did in the transfer window. Or put it another way, it is almost entirely down to money.

Going into the new season at the weekend, which was the lowest-spending side in the Premier League? Aston Villa. Perhaps you will understand my trepidation...



Fizzog Flash Mob in Stourbridge Town Centre



Dressed up for Black Country Day celebrations



The Fizzogs and others with Black Country bus

Dancing grannies' steps to stardom

America is beckoning for booty-shaking Fizzogs after video goes viral, as Katy-Rose Meaney reports

HOBBLING along, supported by walking sticks, a group of four cardigan-clad pensioners could have you fooled that they are simply your average grannies.

But these booty-shaking, hip wiggling performers, who could give Beyonce a run for her money, are now in talks with American TV producers after a video of them performing went viral.

Popular Black Country entertainers The Fizzogs became a worldwide internet sensation after a video of the group entertaining at Stourbridge carnival was posted on YouTube and on social networking site Facebook.

Humbling

Now the Dudley-based theatre group are in talks with TV stations in America after a film of the dancers hip wiggling to Beyonce's Single Ladies and Gangnam Style received more than a million shares worldwide.

The stars behind the blue rinse wigs and walking sticks are Sue Hawkins, Deb Nicholls, Jacky Fellows and Emma Rol-lason from Fizzog Productions and the group have been making plans to take their 'Ode Folk' routine over the pond.

Deb Nicholls, 42 from Wollaston, said the attention is incredible but very humbling. She said: "We have had a lot of interest from America and we are in talks with a screen writer in the TV industry. Nothing has been confirmed yet but we have been told our video is streaming through the network channels over there and we have been asked when we are coming over."



The dancing grannies, whose youtube video of themselves went viral online

She added: "We would absolutely love to go over there and perform. Before talks started we sent our video to the producers on the The Ellen DeGeneres Show. To appear on that would be amazing."

Sue Hawkins, who started Fizzog Productions 14 years ago said she couldn't believe the attention the video, filmed on July 6, has received.

The 42-year-old from Wordsley said: "It has just been phenomenal. The number of likes and shares is just crazy and it has gone all over the world. I

can't believe so many people have seen us perform."

Miss Nicholls added: "It is overwhelming because we have worked so hard for 14 years just to get a local reputation. We were shocked when we saw it had 58 likes but it has gone crazy. My sister was tracking the popularity of it and it was 64 shares per second."

The dance group are getting messages from all over the world and Miss Nicholls said: "It is very humbling to hear someone from Texas say we have made their day and made their whole

office laugh. People from across the globe want more and more and that is amazing but we are local girls and to get more offers for local work too has been great. "We are very busy but our success is great for the area not just for us."

Their worldwide attention started when Lucy Rutherford saw the group perform in Stourbridge and uploaded her video online.

The next day she was getting emails, notifications and friend requests from people across the world. She said: "I just put it up to show friends and family really. Then, I was getting notifications left, right and centre from people across the world. They made me laugh so much on the day and they clearly are making people laugh all over the world now."

The video has been shared almost a million times on Facebook and an American blog featuring the dancing trio has had more than 2.7million likes.

Excited

Dave Harrison, press officer for Fizzog productions, said: "The interest in the group has just been phenomenal, the video has been shared across Europe, in America and China. Now that is what you call putting the Black Country on the map."

Gaz Sawers, co-organiser and founder Black Country Festival said: "I have known the Fizzogs for some time and I am very excited for them and wish them every success. It is amazing news that they are being recognised and are in demand around the world following on from their performances as part of the Black Country Day celebrations."

He added: "They really are putting the Black Country on the map and I am very proud of them."

The dancing grannies is just one of the routines the theatre group perform and before they can consider plans to jet off to the US, the group has local performances lined up, including performing at the Black Country Living Museum on weekends throughout August.

WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

UKIP'S Bill Etheridge learned a rather valuable lesson last week about public speaking – that it's generally a bad idea to say anything that could be construed as positive about Adolf Hitler.

Ironically, it was a seminar on effective public speaking that saw his comments rounded on by his party's critics.

Why the West Midlands MEP decided it would be a good idea to even bring up the Nazi leader at all, let alone suggest budding politicians look at his speaking style, only he can say.

And I've never known any modern politician win a seat by walking up and down during a speech and fixing the audience with his or her stare the way Mr Etheridge was said to have described Hitler.

Far from being 'desperate' for politicians to start talking, as Mr Etheridge says those who listened to Hitler were, these days people are more likely to stand up and walk out or worse.

No-one hangs on David Cameron or Ed Milliband's words. Every time they tweet anything the first response is usually from someone calling them 'respectively, Dishface and Beaker'.

But has this damaged UKIP? Not particularly, if online reaction is anything to go by. Those who were against UKIP remained resolute on that, taking this story as further evidence that they do not deserve a seat in the Commons.

Yet those who were already part of the so-called 'earthquake' of the European and council elections in May were content with Mr Etheridge's side of the story and rallied round to condemn the Mail on Sunday for its coverage.

Every Black Country council is now under the control of Labour. Walsall's Tories were forced from power in a special meeting called after a by-election gave Labour back the 30 seats it was on after May's local elections.

The death after those elections of leader Tim Oliver left Labour on 29 and meant a rainbow alliance – albeit a rainbow missing any shades of red – of Tories, Lib Dems, UKIP and independent voted for the status quo.

Labour ended up paying to fly three of its councillors back from their summer holidays for the crucial vote.

Politically, it might not be the worst thing for the Tories. They would have continued to get stick for staying in control after being reduced to just over a third of the seats.

And now they get to campaign for the next election against an incumbent Labour party that won't yet have got its feet under the table. At least, that's what I'd say if I were the Conservatives and putting a brave face on it.

Labour has the advantage of being both incumbent locally and in opposition in Westminster. And that's certainly done it no harm in Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Dudley these past few years.

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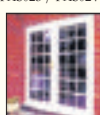
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Bill Etheridge right not to resign

BILL Etheridge is correct in not resigning as a UKIP MEP and Dudley councillor.

It is clear his words have been taken out of context. Mr Etheridge has voiced regrets mentioning Hitler as an example of a charismatic orator.

Yet throughout history the power of oratory has brought nations to their knees but it has also inspired nations to deeds of great valour; Hitler in Nazi Germany and Sir Winston Churchill in Britain. Both were indeed outstanding orators.

Churchill himself stated: "Of all the tal-

ents bestowed upon men, none is so precious as the gift of oratory."

Other amazing men whose speeches reverberate throughout the ages are Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi, Abraham Lincoln and Jesus Christ.

Indeed Bill Etheridge included Martin Luther King, Ronald Reagan, Hitler and Tony Blair in his list – all men who swayed nations – in some cases for good and in some cases for ill. In today's world our freedom of speech is still precious.

S BARTON, Stourbridge

Hard but still time for 'loff'

I READ with interest the article on Tommy Mundon, written by Mark Andrews, which appeared in the Chronicle on July 31.

However, I cannot agree with the statement that 'His act was rooted in a rose-tinted image of a Black Country which never existed'. The Black Country portrayed by Tommy did exist and many of his anecdotes were drawn around real people, places and happenings. Embroidered, no doubt, but nevertheless based on reality. I grew up just down the road from Tommy and listening to his stories I could often recognise how they originated.

Yes, in the post war years times were hard but the Black Country character meant that people made the best of it and still managed to have a 'loff'.

D LAYTON, Stourbridge

King Arthur pub adds to the character

THE King Arthur pub on the Birmingham New Road, Dudley, is being threatened with demolition.

It is claimed that it is not viable as a public house.

However, when it was a carvery, it had no lack of customers.

Since the Ivy House pub was replaced with a fast food outlet, it is now the only building with character on this approach to Dudley.

Without it, the area will just be a part of a featureless suburb.

R ASTON, Coseley

Don't be fooled by this smear

ONLY the seriously gullible are going to be fooled by the clumsy attempt by the Tory gutter press to smear Bill Etheridge and through him, UKIP, over his reference to Adolf Hitler's public speaking style in a recent speech.

It's a sure sign that there are local council elections and a General Election on the horizon and that the main parties are running scared.

Mr Etheridge has rightly complained that his reference to Hitler was taken out of context, that he mentioned other prominent figures, including a former British Prime Minister, in his speech and that the attacks on him are 'political opportunism', which of course they blatantly are.

If any mention of Hitler holds so much taboo, why do numerous Freeview channels churn out hours of documentaries about him and his regime every day, without one word of comment or complaint from the national gutter press?

R A SARGEANT, Dudley

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It's costs before people for police

I SEE West Mercia and Warwickshire Police are closing stations and the public can now stand outside the closed down stations, press a button on a blue box and speak via intercom to a member of staff who is sitting in a warm environment whilst the queue of people waiting to use the intercom waiting in the pouring rain, or whatever the inclement weather may be.

Do these people who make these wonderful decisions ever think about the public? It's not about money, cut backs, statistics or targets when a person attends a station to report an incident that person wants to see a police officer and feel safe when reporting an incident.

How times have moved on, it used to be police of-

ficers who used such devices to keep in touch with their stations.

We now see fewer officers on the street, to make contact, we can phone and arrange an appointment, which means days pass by after any incident (unless of course it's an emergency or the incident is taking place at that time). We can even e-mail a crime to the police, so the chances are it will not get investigated but don't worry as long as you have a crime number all will be well in the world!

It does appear like the police are trying to cut the public out of their equation as long as the costs are in line with government guidelines with saving money.

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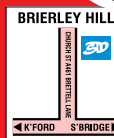
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Legend's date will have fans dancing in street

MOTOWN legend Martha Reeves will have fans Dancing in the Street when she appears in Birmingham and Cannock next month.

Now aged 73, the soul star shows no signs of slowing down, and performs at the Prince of Wales Centre in Church Street, on Friday September 26. The 20-date UK tour kicks off at the Jam House, in Birmingham, on September 4 and follows a performance at the recent Wickerman festival in Stoke-on-Trent.

"People have spoken to me about retirement or about giving it up and I can't ever think why anyone would suggest that," she told The Chronicle's Mark Shipp.

"I love performing and I love singing and I'll do it until I drop."

Favourite

It's now 50 years since one of her biggest hits, Dancing in the Street charted. The tune was also voted number four in a poll of the nation's favourite Motown song and Martha will celebrate the golden anniversary of its release with dates in 72 cities.

And the energy she exudes on stage doesn't stop once she's away from it as she winds down by playing golf, designing costumes and taking care of her grandchildren.

Martha and the Vandellas are also as well known for the hit recordings Nowhere to Run and Jimmy Mack. But it is (Love Is Like A) Heatwave that the singer would profess to be the group's main claim to fame, their signature tune and one that defined the Motown sound.

These days, sisters Lois, with whom Martha has performed since 1968, and Delphine make up Martha's backing



Motown legend Martha Reeves – no sign of slowing down

band. But she says she is ready to take to the stage at any time if given the nod. She does have 58 years in the business, after all.

Only hours before her Chronicle interview she had been exercising her vocals – and added: "I've been keeping off the cigarettes and the alcohol so

that I'm ready for the call to perform."

Fans in Cannock can expect to hear the authentic Motown sound thanks to a selection of hand-picked musicians. And they won't just be treated to the big hits as Martha also belt out numbers requested by the audience. For tickets call 01543 578762.

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Museum visit for Potter star Warwick and family



Movie star Warwick Davis and son Harrison at the Black Country Living Museum filming for TV travel show Weekend Escapes

IT might not be the obvious choice for a film star's family holiday but Warwick Davis has brought his wife and children to the Black Country.

The Harry Potter and Star Wars actor was at the Black Country Living Museum last week filming the latest series of his show Weekend Escapes.

The show sees 44-year-old Mr Davis and his family travel around Britain in his camper van to sample the best of the country's attractions, and is aired on ITV.

The Life's Too Short star was seen

by visitors to the museum donning period costumes and being filmed talking to the camera. He was at the museum with his wife, Samantha, and two children Harrison, 11, and Annabelle, 16.

They took part in activities at the museum, including a ride on vintage vehicle, visiting the St James' School Victorian classroom, Gregory's General Store, the Hardware Store, and also took part in street games.

They also ate some of the museum's famous traditional fish and chips.

Fans waited outside the museum for the chance to get an autograph and picture with the star.

Kim Hunter, aged 30, from Dudley, was there with her sister Jenny Fisher.

Kim said: "We had come down to sort out a day out here but we heard that he was here so we've waited a couple of hours to meet him. I'm a big fan of his from watching Willow when I was a kid. I can't believe I had my photo taken with him."

One of the museum's staff, Jon Drew, 32, who is a learning programmer, filmed a scene with Davis. Mr Drew said: "It was such a great honour to actually film a scene with my childhood hero."

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Shop proposals are withdrawn

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build shops and a takeaway on the site of a motorbike showroom in Halesowen have been withdrawn.

More than 200 people signed a petition against the scheme for the Street-bike site in Mucklow Hill.

The dealership has revealed plans to relocate the business to the former Comet electrical store in Dudley Road, Halesowen.

Heedgrove Ltd had lodged proposals for two shops and a takeaway on the site but they sparked concerns from residents and ward councillors who feared increased traffic, litter and noise problems.

The developer has now withdrawn it before it was due to be considered by Dudley Council.

Myths inspire young readers

THOUSANDS of children have caught the reading bug and signed up to the annual summer reading challenge in Dudley borough libraries.

So far 2,226 children are taking on the challenge of reading six library books during the summer holidays.

The challenge, an initiative now in its 16th year, was launched in July and runs in libraries until September 14.

Open to children aged four to 11, this year's event is themed around a mythical maze, which will challenge children to find their way round a labyrinth from the world of legend and mythology.

Return to its roots as JB's rocks to the beat of music

DUDLEY'S landmark nightclub JB's is returning to its roots as a nightclub. It is believed that the nightclub is only hosting music nights on Saturdays currently.

The leader of Dudley's Conservative group who said it would boost nightlife in the town. Councillor Patrick Harley said: "So long as they attract the right clientele there isn't a problem I can see."

"In fact it is good for Dudley to have a nightclub."

"Wolverhampton and Stourbridge got their act together with nightlife so it is about time Dudley had some too."

Firm plans for the future of the banqueting suite have yet to be confirmed.

Hundreds of people packed into JB's on its last night in January 2011 when the then owner Sam Jukes revealed huge losses of up to £1 million.

The club was later bought at auction for £225,000 before its management was taken over by Ramesh Ahir.

Failed

The former rock venue had been reopened as a banqueting and conference centre ran into planning problems two years ago after a six-figure revamp.

But Mr Ahir suffered a setback when he failed on appeal to overturn a decision by Dudley Council to refuse planning permission.

This forced the club to rethink plans to host wedding receptions.

By Andrew Turton

In recent days new signs advertising the conferencing centre were taken down and its future remained unclear until posters showcasing the new name NRG nightclub were released.

A range of dance music and R'n'B nights have been scheduled at the nightclub opposite The Station Hotel.

Further details about the new venture have yet to be released but new Facebook pages and Twitter accounts have been set up marketing nights.

Mr Ahir was unavailable for comment.

In its heyday JB's was famous for hosting superstars such as Robert Plant and giving bands like Blur, U2 and the Stone Roses their big break.

Its heaving rooms and boisterous crowds have become legendary in the industry. The club's role in giving fledgling bands a step up to the main stage is part of rock and roll folklore.

Now the nightclub in the heart of the town welcomes

Cubs prove hard to catch for keepers



The playful lynx cubs are a handful for Dudley Zoo keepers during their first health checks

THEY may be cute but these three feisty lynx cubs can put up a good fight – as keepers at Dudley Zoo discovered.

As staff attempted to give them their first health checks, they found the playful youngsters did want to be caught.

Keepers wanted to find out the sex of the three-month old triplets but it proved to be more difficult than they anticipated, with the cubs bearing their teeth and claws.

However, when staff were finally able to grab them, they found out

they had two boys and one girl. Senior keeper Adam Walker said: "We quickly discovered that despite their cute looks they have very sharp claws and teeth, growl and hiss a lot and jump about – they did not like being caught."

Zoo vet Peter Stewart gave the trio their first inoculations, checked their weight and confirmed sexes – and now keepers are busy thinking of names for them.

Mr Walker added: "The cubs are making really good progress and are growing quickly. One of the boys

weighs 2.2 kilos, while the other boy and girl weigh 2.3 kilos, so they're exactly where they should be for their age."

The cubs were born on May 23 to four-year-old Daisy and three-year-old Dave and can regularly be spotted playing together in their outdoor enclosure.

Carpathians are a relatively new species to the zoo, with Dave translocating from Salzburg Zoo, Austria, and Daisy from Zoo Veszprem, Hungary, in autumn 2012.

Walking challenge is part of show

PEOPLE can stride out for an annual walking challenge through the six towns of Sandwell.

The fifth annual Sandwell Six Towns Challenge is taking place on Sunday.

The event, led by Sandwell Ramblers, is part of this year's Sandwell Show.

On top of the events in the park, the challenge is made up of running or walking routes of 14, 18 and 26 miles around the borough.

It will take in country parks, open spaces and the canal network.

The 26-mile route visits each of Sandwell's six towns, and takes in almost two miles of the Netherton Tunnel.

Entry costs £6 in advance or is available on the day, costing £7, with registration starting at the showground outside Sandwell Park Farm from 8.30am.

All proceeds from the challenge will go towards the Mayor of Sandwell's charity, Sandwell Women's Aid.

New for this year is the Sandwell Stride Jamboree Walk, which is a seven-mile event around Sandwell Valley.

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The Rapide at Halfpenny Green into which a parachutist crashed after jumping from another Rapide

Chance for mint view from historic aircraft

HISTORIC airliner flights over Perton and Pendeford are on offer this Bank Holiday weekend.

As a new experience at the Autumn Wings & Wheels Fly-in at Halfpenny Green, on Sunday and Monday, Air Atlantique will be offering not just flights over the Severn Valley Railway, as usual, but also the chance to fly over all the four Wolverhampton airfields, Pendeford, Perton, Dunstall Park as well as Halfpenny Green itself.

Links

The aircraft they will be using will be the classic De Havilland Rapide biplane, which has historic local links to three of the airfields. Famously, for two years in the 50s, Don Everall Aviation actually offered scheduled airline flights from Pendeford Airport to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man using the Rapide, and Midland Metal Spinning based their own Rapide for many years at the airport.

A Rapide, registration, G-AIDL, which was also based at Pendeford, and owned by Fox's Glacier Mints for a while, will be the very aircraft offering the scenic flights.

During the War the Rapide was used extensively by the

MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

RAF, renamed the Dominie, and several dropped in to RAF Perton, including one carrying the Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair. The pilot landed to ask where he was!

The Rapides were also extensively used to collect ferry pilots, who had delivered aircraft locally, to airfields all over Staffordshire and Shropshire.

Unique

A Rapide, G-AHAG, was also based at Halfpenny Green for a long time, used by the parachute club, and famously one parachutist, named Mike Boulton, jumped from another, visiting, Rapide, and crashed through the roof of G-AHAG which was flying below.

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The flights will be less exciting than this, but the Rapide does offer a marvellous experience of stately airline travel, and should offer a unique aerial view of either Perton and Pendeford, or the beautiful Severn Valley, all for only £75, booked on the day, or in advance via alecbrew@hotmail.co.uk

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Lenny is in a spin over his debut at The Rep



Lenny Henry with his co-stars in the stage premiere of Rudy's Rare Records Joivan Wade, left, and Larrington Walker

ACTOR and comedian Lenny Henry will be going back to his roots when he takes to the stage at the Birmingham Rep theatre next month.

He is starring in the stage premiere of Rudy's Rare Records, a poignant comedy set in a record shop in Birmingham. It is based on the popular BBC Radio 4 series, written by Danny Robins and co-created by Dudley-born Lenny.

The show will run from September 4 to 20 and tells the story of the shop,

stacked with vinyl, owned by the irrepressible Rudy Sharpe, played by Larrington Walker, reluctantly helped out by son Adam, played by Lenny.

Reggae

With Rudy's chaotic approach of 'if it ain't on the shelf, it's on the floor' clashing with Adam's need for calm and order, the record shop soon becomes a battleground of bickering played out to the shop's foot-tapping reggae and soul soundtrack.

However, when the threat of developers looms, father and son must put their differences aside as they battle to

keep the music alive. It features music by Jimmy Cliff, Desmond Dekker, Bob Marley and the Sugarhill Gang which played live by an onstage band.

Lenny said: "I've performed comedy gigs many times in Birmingham but this is my first straight acting role in the city and the first time I've been on stage at the Rep, which is something I'm really looking forward to. Growing up in Dudley I would come into Birmingham every Saturday to hang-out in a record shop not too dissimilar to Rudy's, so it's a play that's very close to my heart."

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Tests are no problem
for student Aaron



Student Aaron Dardi, aged 17, has been invited to join Mensa after taking up the test challenge

ARE you smarter than 17-year-old Aaron Dardi, from Dudley? He has become a member of Mensa after the Wolverhampton-based society for the highly intelligent, issued a challenge for local people to take the intelligence test.

Aaron, from Oakham, and who is in Year 12 at King Edward VI School, Five Ways, Birmingham, described the infamous test as the most difficult he had ever done.

"The first test is over an hour long and it's word-based, which is not my strongest point," he said.

"The second test is shorter, about half an hour, but I didn't finish all the questions." Nonetheless, Aaron passed both tests with flying colours. "I'm quite good with logic," he said modestly, adding that his friends were 'impressed' and were debating the idea of doing the test themselves.

Aaron hopes to study applied statistics at university.

Health jobs are at risk in drive to cut costs

JOBS are at risk at Dudley's hospital trust as part of widespread review of non-clinical posts as it looks to save £12 million.

Bosses are reviewing the positions of temporary staff, those on fixed-term contracts, and bank and agency workers.

They are also looking at reducing overtime and recruitment to non-clinical vacancies to claw back costs.

Bosses are battling to balance the books as they need to save up to £12m in the wake of Government funding cuts.

Paula Clark, chief executive of Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Russells Hall Hospital, said the review would cover posts 'furthest away from frontline patient care'.

It's not known yet how many jobs could be at risk.

A 'mutually agreed resignation scheme' has been launched which will continue throughout September, which means workers can leave their posts in return for a set severance payment.

Ms Clark said: "In common with all NHS trusts in England we are doing everything we can to meet the Government's four per cent efficiency savings while

By Heather Large

at the same time providing high quality patient care.

"Pay is our biggest cost and so we are looking at ways of reducing staffing while, at the same time, protecting permanent staff employed by the Trust.

"We are reviewing non-clinical posts furthest away from frontline patient care and these include temporary staff, those on fixed term contracts, and bank and agency as well as looking at reducing overtime and recruitment to non-clinical vacancies.

"The trust is also offering staff the opportunity to apply for a Mutually Agreed Resignation Scheme during August and September 2014.

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In response to growing demand from clients and new businesses starting up in Halesowen, Mr Lloyd decided the time was right to open a second office.

"We have a number of clients in and around Halesowen already and demand for our services continues to grow," he said.

"We've been thinking about opening a second office for a while, but now seems the perfect time. It will give Halesowen-based small business clients a far more convenient place."

Demolition of fire station

HALESOWEN Fire Station is expected to be knocked down within weeks after a demolition notice was issued for the site. Developer Horgan Homes & Developments Ltd has already been granted permission to build 14 homes.

It has now notified the council it plans to flatten the building off Hagley Road. It has been replaced by the £3 million Haden Cross Community Fire Station in Cradley Heath.

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Supermarket a possibility in arson shops revamp

A SUPERMARKET is among the plans in the pipeline for the redevelopment of arson-hit shops along a busy route in Cradley.

Four bids have been submitted to transform a rundown shopping parade in Colley Gate follow residents' concerns.

Campaigners claim the shops are a magnet for vandals, after two arson attacks in recent weeks, and are blighting the town's reputation.

Dudley Council has been marketing the site for redevelopment and has received several expressions of interest for the scheme.

Members of Cradley Action Group have met council officers, deputy council leader, Councillor Pete Lowe and Stourbridge MP Margot James, to discuss the plans.

Dudley Council has so far refused to name the companies which had responded to development opportunity adverts for the site, which includes seven empty shops.

But, on the day of the meeting, council officers told residents' representative Lynn Adams and Cradley Action Group co-founder Chris Legiewicz two of the interested parties could be large supermarket companies.

Mrs Legiewicz welcomed the news saying a redevelopment which would boost the area and improve its

by Andrew Turton

appearance was important.

"It is good news and I'm pleased at last we are moving forward on this issue," she said. "It was a constructive meeting with all attendees agreeing to work together for the future of Colley Gate."

"It is the first time Dudley Council has attempted anything like this, by offering land for development when it did not own all the land. We've heard it could well be a supermarket with four shop units."

"It is still some months away but whatever happens there is some progress."

Council workers have boarded up some of the shops after group members said they were dangerous and there had been evidence of break-ins. It comes after there were arson attacks affecting a shop and lock-up premises two months ago.

Choir on song with charity cheques



Cradley Heath Male Voice Choir's concert committee with charity representatives

BIRMINGHAM Children's Hospital and Mary Stevens Hospice have been presented with cheques by a Black Country male choir.

Cradley Heath Male Voice Choir donated their profits made at a recent

annual charity concert. The cheque presentation took place at Dudley Wood Methodist Church where the choir rehearses every Monday at 7.30pm.

Musical Director Philippa Brettell

presented a cheque for £1307.27 to Kate West from Birmingham Children's Hospital and Chris Saddler accepted the donation on behalf of Mary Stevens Hospice which is based in Stourbridge.

Days left for artists to enter competition

ARTISTS in Halesowen and Cradley have less than two weeks left to enter this year's Dawn Jones Art Prize, which invites people with experience of mental health to create artwork.

Entrants must submit their work by September 1, for a chance to win one of two £100 prizes.

Now in its ninth year, the competition was set up by Maureen Jones in memory of her daughter, Dawn Jones, who committed suicide in 2005 at the age of 25 following a long battle with depression.

Gary Graham, chief executive of Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, said: "We know that art can be therapeutic for many people, and we'd like to encourage anyone with an interest in art - whether as a beginner or as someone more experienced - to get involved and enter our competition."

Both Dudley and Walsall boroughs can take part. Twelve shortlisted entries will be exhibited next month at The Crossing at St. Paul's, Walsall, and INSIGHT Carers Café, Dudley. Two winning entries will also be exhibited long-term in a public building.

Entries are invited from anyone with close experience of mental ill-health, whether that's personal experience, caring for someone or working in mental health.

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Action call over claims of rats in overgrown garden

FURIOUS residents have signed a petition calling for action on a Netherton house which they say has become so overgrown with vegetation it is attracting rats.

The group has handed it to their councillor, Bryan Cotterill.

The residents, who all live in or around Bowling Green Road, said they were petitioning Dudley Council to do something about the private house, which they say has been in its current state for almost 20 years.

Mrs Sylvia Townsend, who lives next door to the property, said: "The house has been like that for as long as I can remember."

"The garden is wildly overgrown and whilst it has always been a bit of an eyesore, the rats are just the final nail in the coffin."

Delivery

Mrs Townsend said if the house was a council property the tenant might have been evicted or at least forced to tidy up the garden, but as it is a private residence he is under no such obligation.

Council bosses said they had sent vermin specialists to the property but have seen no sign of rat droppings which they say means there cannot be rats there.

But Mrs Townsend said: "How can they know? They just sent a man round who took some pictures with his phone."

"I've had numerous people tell me that they have seen the rats and we even had a delivery woman who said she saw one run across her path. All these people can't be imagining things."

She said more 18 people had signed her petition. She handed it to Councillor Cotterill in the hope that he could



The garden of the house is overgrown with grass and ivy

convince Dudley Council to do something to help.

He said: "I completely understand Mrs Townsend's concerns and I am willing to help. The garden is completely overgrown and even if there were no rats, the owner of the property should not be allowed to leave it

in such a state. It is completely overgrown and something must be done.

"I think many people will have sympathy for Mrs Townsend and the council should, too, because they should ask themselves: Would I want this next to myself or even my mother? The answer should be no."

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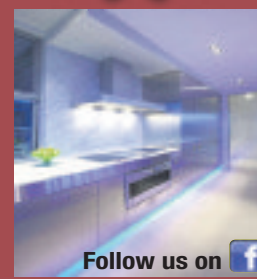
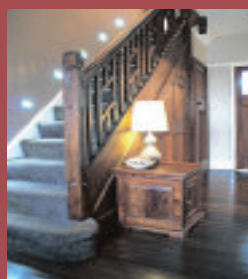
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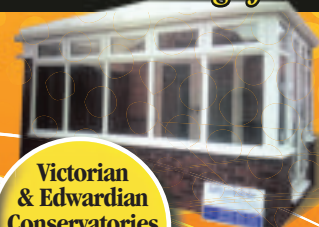
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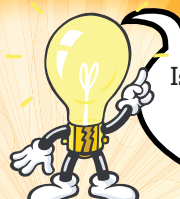
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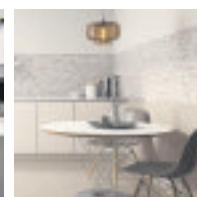
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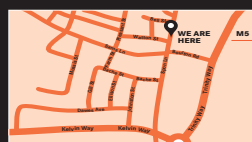
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Hairdresser Carol Walker with her mother, Nancy Harris, aged 85, and colleagues, family and clients

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She started cutting hair in 1962, has owned salons in Dudley and Kidderminster, and worked as an in-store hairdresser for Marks & Spencer.

The 67-year-old said: "I recently injured my shoulder and that has forced me to retire."

"I think if it wasn't for my injury I would keep going, but I think there comes a time where you just have to stop and this was my time."

"I have great staff and I trust them to take over for me and do a fantastic job, but I will still be around."

Carol started her career with a five-

year apprenticeship in a salon before moving on to open her own business.

She was joined by her mother, Nancy Harris, aged 85, and colleagues, family and clients as she retired from Simply Hair by Carol, in Stourbridge Road, Halesowen.

Carol said she has enjoyed every minute of her career, adding "I can't believe it has been 53 years."

Popular

"My favourite years must be when I worked at M&S, it was a different time and we don't have in-store hairdressers anymore."

Over the years she has seen British hairstyles change, and has some favourites. She said: "The bob has al-

ways endured, really, it's a very popular style."

"It has altered a bit over the years but it has always been around."

There are some styles that she is less keen on, however.

"I never really liked hairstyles that were all curls, like the really big perms. They didn't have any finesse."

She now spends her time playing bowls and helping out at Startime Variety, which puts on pantomimes among other shows.

"I mostly do prompting now but I have acted in the past – I have even played a fairy," she said.

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A RECORD number of real ale and cider fans turned out to raise a glass at this year's Black Country Beer Festival.

More than 1,000 people sampled the tempting array of drinks on offer at Lye Cricket Club during the three-day event.

The majority of the 80 ales, ciders and perries had sold out by the end of the festival on Saturday night, organisers said.

Visitors to the venue in Stourbridge Road, were treated to live music throughout the weekend and were also able to relax watching a cricket match on Saturday.

Club chairman Dave Borley said the festival, which began on Thursday, had been a 'great success'.

"We easily had in excess of 1,000 people which is more than we have ever had. We sold out of all of the

ciders and the majority of the ales by the end which was great," he said. "The feedback we have had from people who came to the festival has been very positive so it has been very well received. Overall it has been a great event and we are looking forward to planning the next one."

Counting

The event was also raising money for the Lye and Wollescote branch of the Royal British Legion. The charity was chosen because of this year being the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War.

Mr Borley said they were still counting the donations but he was hopeful they had raised 'a good amount' for the organisation.

Organisers increased the number of ales, ciders and perries on offer from 50 to 80.



Cheers! Organisers from left, Dave Borley, Tasha Vahey, Jake Hanson, Mark Veitch and Dave Benton

Praise for plans to restore fountain

A 'GUARDIAN' of Dudley's landmark water fountain has welcomed plans to bring it back to life.

Repair work will take place on the 19th century monument in Dudley High Street to enable it to dispense water again.

It has been out of order for almost 50 years and traders have long called for it to be restored.

The £150,000 restoration project, which has been announced by Dudley Council, was welcomed by Iris Reed, aged 75, who has campaigned for the fountain to be repaired.

Mrs Reed, who has become known as the Keeper of the Fountain and regular gives talks on its history to community groups, said: "I am very pleased. This is what I have wanted for a long time. The fountain has not worked properly since 1965. It will be absolutely wonderful when it is repaired and working again."

Council bosses said repairs will enable the fountain, which is described as 'a central and prominent part of the town's character', to be enjoyed for many years to come.

Clergy give backing to criticism of Cameron

CHURCH leaders in the Black Country have backed a letter sent by the Church of England to David Cameron, criticising the Government's response to tackling the rise of Islamic extremism.

Concerns have been raised about the Prime Minister's handling of the crisis in Iraq and the 'growing silence' over the plight of persecuted Christians.

The strongly-worded letter from the Bishop of Leeds, the Rt Rev Nicholas Baines, has been supported by many senior clergy across the country.

He raised questions about ministers' failure to respond to calls to set out what arrangements would be made to offer asylum in the UK.

The Archdeacon of Dudley, the Rev Nikki Groarke said she also shared his concerns and praised him for bringing the issue to the public's attention.

"I think it was an excellent letter. It raised some serious issues," she said.

Better

The Bishop of Dudley, the Rt Rev Graham Usher has also described it as 'an excellent letter'.

He tweeted: "Northern Iraq deserves better than the crumbs that fall from our foreign policy table."

Former Bishop of Dudley, the Rt Rev David Walker, who is now Bishop of Manchester, said the Government had a 'moral obligation that it is repeatedly failing to rise to'.

He believed the failure to offer asylum could be down to political sensitivities over

By Heather Large

immigration. "There is always a concern around anything that could play into the debate around immigration," he said.

"But the numbers that would come here are so small that effectively they are not going to disrupt British society in any noticeable or meaningful way."

"In fact they would be good assets to our society."

If the Government failed to act then Parliament should be recalled to debate the issue, he suggested.

Dr Baines said in his letter that in contrast to France and Germany there had "so far been only silence from the UK Government".

He welcomed the 'notable and admirable' focus on the plight of the minority Yazidi community, who have been at the centre of an international aid operation.

"However, there has been increasing silence about the plight of tens of thousands of Christians who have been displaced, driven from cities and homelands, and who face a bleak future," he said in his letter.

Blade-threat girl, 15, escapes her attacker

A15-YEAR-OLD girl was threatened by a man in Dudley. She was walking along Bushey Fields Road, near Russells Hall Hospital when he approached her.

He grabbed her and threatened her with what police are describing as a 'bladed instrument' but she got away at around 7.30pm on Sunday.

The man is described as black with a light complexion. He has short afro styled hair, a thin moustache and was wearing a distinctive yellow tracksuit top.

Detective Sergeant Leighton Shingles, from the Violent Crime Team, said: "This happened around visiting time at the hospital and we understand that the area would have been busy with people."

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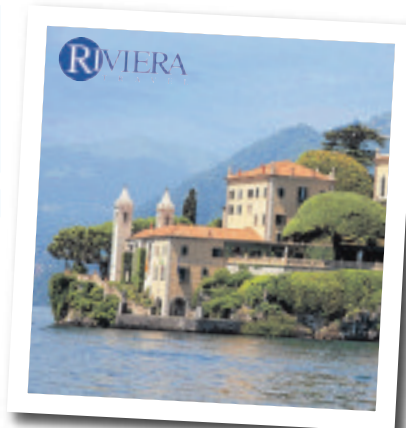
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COMMUNITY Transport began life in 1964 when Father Bryan Scrivener, and wife Dorothy, from Kings Heath, decided to support their local community by collecting old furniture to help homeless people find and furnish accommodation.

They stored everything in their front room and used his Jeep to transport people and goods around the area. By 1966, demand had risen so sharply that they registered Community Transport as a charity, making it the first known use of the term community transport in the UK.

Community Transport operates in three regions – the West Midlands, North West and North East.

Its services include providing low cost minibus hire to voluntary and community groups, schools and not-for-profit organisations.

Based at Sandwell, Liz Sutton runs the minibus service which has had a successful year. Its dial-a-ride service in South Staffordshire is continually growing and they have also purchased a new 2014 minibus which is the first of two to continue with the growth of passenger transport,



A new 2014 minibus has been purchased by Community Transport

ensuring comfortable travel for all they support.

The buses are available for self hire too. Please contact Community Transport for further details.

A record breaking year saw the organisation help 190,000 people reach vital health-checks, appointments and destinations.

"Many people are isolated in their own homes and are unable to access services without Community

Transport's 80-strong fleet of accessible minibuses and vans," says its chief executive Jo Beaumont.

"Our Sandwell branch is situated near to Asda in Great Bridge and can easily be accessed by the number 74 bus route from Dudley or West Bromwich.

"Our aim is to supply good quality second hand furniture at affordable prices with free delivery within the Sandwell area.

"We rely on donations from the community and we collect your goods for free, we accept sofas, beds, wardrobes, chest of drawers, electrical items, bric-a-brac, bedding, toys and clothes.

"Any items that you have that are in general good condition we are interested in. Just give us a call and we will arrange a collection that suits you.

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Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm, Friday 9am to 4.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm.

"Please feel free to pop in and have a browse."

There are five furniture stores in the West Midlands based at West Bromwich, Bilston, Wednesfield, Birmingham and Coventry.

All offer a free collection service for unwanted furniture and stock and sell a range of good quality furniture at affordable prices.

Thousands of low-income households have been helped in the buying of good-quality furniture and white goods at affordable prices, saving more than 400 tonnes of such items from being dumped in landfill sites.

Services include collecting donated good quality furniture items, selling them on at affordable prices, as well as carrying out house clearances and removals – and providing minibus and other transport-related training.

Community Transport is always looking for placements and volunteers to help it provide the best service it can.

If you feel you could spare a few hours or days to help support the community and gain some valuable experience visit the West Bromwich store or contact Community Transport, at 216 Great Bridge Street, West Bromwich, B70 0DE. Telephone 0121 520 8168.



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Bluesday gigs at Hockley venue

A SERIES of weekly blues nights have been lined up at a Birmingham venue for the coming months.

The Asylum 2 in Hockley will be hosting the concerts every Tuesday from September 23 to December 16.

The event is being organised by Halesowen-born music mogul Jim Simpson, who once managed Black Sabbath. Mr Simpson said: "Tuesday will be Bluesday, with some of the finest blues bands about, digging into the urban and country Blues of Chicago and The Delta and stopping off at all points between."

The opening party at the venue in Hampton Street will feature The 58's Blues Band. Admission will be £5. Coming up are the Whiskey Brothers and Steve Ajao Blues Giants.

Civic Hall date for Kaiser Chiefs

V Festival favourites Kaiser Chiefs will be playing at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on February 6 next year.

Fronted by The Voice judge Ricky Wilson, the Yorkshire band's date is part of a UK tour throughout January and February.

New single My Life is due out on September 22 and will be the third single from their Number One album Education, Education, Education & War.

The band opened Glastonbury 2014, stormed T in The Park and will join the Foo Fighters on a tour of South Africa in December.

Tickets for the Civic gig cost £30.25 or £38.50.

Disney on Ice to celebrate 100 years of fun and magic

EofE join Vamps on UK tour

BLACK Country rockers EofE are to support top teen band The Vamps on their autumn UK tour.

"We can't wait to head back out on the road, especially with The Vamps", said Tom Harris, 18, lead singer of the Dudley band. "They're incredibly successful, really accomplished musicians, and the same age as us. I'm looking forward to having a lot of laughs on the road!"

This follows a support slot on the phenomenally successful McBusted arena tour, playing to 380,000 fans across 32 UK dates.

"The McBusted tour was a fantastic break for us," said Tom, from Netherton. "Their fans were really supportive and the band offered us some great advice."

This week EofE release second single Piece of You. They support The Vamps at the NIA on October 5 and have a headline gig at The Institute in Birmingham on November 15.



Back on the road — Dudley band EofE with singer Tom Harris second from right

JOIN the celebration as 65 of Disney's unforgettable characters from 18 timeless stories come to life at Birmingham NIA when Disney On Ice celebrates 100 Years of Magic from the world of Disney.

With Mickey and Minnie Mouse leading the fun, the show will include spectacular skating routines, elaborate sets and 160 beautiful costumes with ice dancing devised by the choreographer who created the skating segment of the opening ceremony at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The cast of 47 ice dancers represent a total of ten countries.

Dolls

Such Disney musical classics as A Whole New World, Beauty and the Beast and Can You Feel The Love Tonight will feature alongside exciting moments from Mulan, The Lion King and Disney/Pixar's Finding Nemo, The Incredibles, and Toy Story films.

Outfitting this special centenary show has been a huge challenge for the costume department with dazzling designs ranging from Mickey's Marching Band to the 'It's A Small World' dolls that form part of a sparkling light parade. The Finding Nemo outfits will mimic underwater movement. But Minnie promises her red se-



Disney magic at the NIA

quin spangled gown will be a real showstopper.

Disney On Ice celebrates 100 Years of Magic will be at The NIA in Birmingham city centre from October 22 to November 2. The tour is also visiting Manchester, Sheffield, London, Glasgow and Newcastle.

The arrival of Disney on Ice has been an annual treat for West Midlands families for several years now but this promises to be an extra special occasion. Tickets are available now and to find out more visit the website www.disneyonice.co.uk or via Facebook and YouTube.

On way or another Blondie are back

FOLLOWING their comeback at this summer's Glastonbury Festival and scheduled appearance at the V Festival, Blondie will be back in the Midlands for a concert at Birmingham O2 Academy on September 13.

Blondie have sold more than 40 million albums and repeatedly reached the top of the charts over four decades with such hits as Heart Of Glass, Sunday Girl, Atomic, Call Me, The Tide Is High, Rapture and Maria. This year the band has celebrated their 40th anniversary with the NME Godlike Genius Award and release of new album Ghosts of Download. It is available as part of two-disc package Blondie 4(0) Ever, which includes greatest hits and brand new album.

Revisiting heyday of the Fab Four

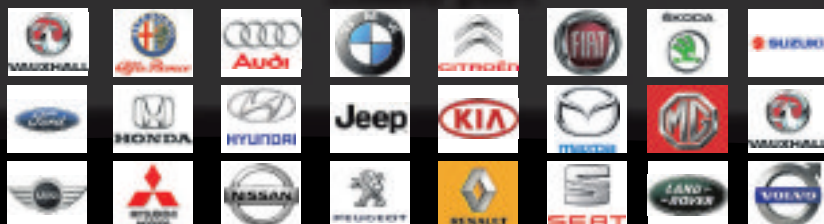
FIFTY years on from Beatlemania, Richard Lester's groundbreaking film about the Fab Four, A Hard Day's Night, has been released as a restored special edition Blu-ray and two-disc DVD package.

The movie remains both a sparky comedy, summing up The Beatles' irreverent style, and a snapshot of an England emerging from post-war austerity into the swinging 60s. Alongside the movie, which has a cast ranging from Steptoe and Son's Wilfred Brimble to dancer Lionel Blair, there are several bonus features. These include a documentary, interviews with The Beatles and an audio interview with the film director.

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Peter Capaldi

Doctor Who (BBC1, 7.50pm)
New series. Having briefly appeared at the end of last year's Christmas special, The Thick of It star Peter Capaldi goes on his first adventure as the Time Lord, taking over from Matt Smith. When he arrives in Victorian London, he finds a dinosaur causing havoc in the Thames, as well as a spate of deadly spontaneous combustions. Will Clara's friendship forged with the previous Doctor survive as they embark on a terrifying mission into the heart of an alien conspiracy? Sci-fi drama, co-starring Jenna Coleman, Neve McIntosh, Dan Starkey, Catrin Stewart, Peter Ferdinando, Paul Hickey, Tony Van, Maggie Service, Brian Miller, Ellis George, Mark Kempner, Graham Duff, Peter Hannah and Paul Kasey.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bits. 11.30 Football Forum. 12.00 BBC News; Weather. 12.10 Live Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix - Qualifying. Coverage from the Spa-Francorchamps circuit (Start-time 1.00pm). 2.20 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League Final. Castleford Tigers v Leeds Rhinos (Kick-off 3.00pm). 5.20 World at War: Regional News; Weather. 5.40 Pointless Celebrities.

6.30 Tumble. The remaining celebrities tackle trampolining and rhythmic gymnastics with a twist in the third week of the competition. They're hoping to impress the judging panel - Louis Smith, Nadia Comaneci, Craig Heap and Sebastian Stella - and the two lowest-scoring contestants then face The Vault, before one of them leaves the show. Plus, a group of the Saturdays predict a melody of their biggest hits. Alex Jones hosts.

7.50 Doctor Who. New series. Having briefly appeared at the end of last year's Christmas special, The Thick of It star Peter Capaldi goes on his first adventure as the Time Lord, taking over from Matt Smith. When he arrives in Victorian London, he finds a dinosaur causing havoc in the Thames, as well as a spate of deadly spontaneous combustions. Will Clara's friendship forged with the previous Doctor survive as they embark on a terrifying mission into the heart of an alien conspiracy? Sci-fi drama, co-starring Jenna Coleman.

9.10 Casualty. Zoe is feeling low about her 40th birthday. Cal steals Ethan's idea. Jeff thinks he is being followed, while Rita's behaviour starts to worry her colleagues. Last in the series.

10.00 The National Lottery Live.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Everton v Arsenal at Goodison Park and Chelsea v Leicester City at Stamford Bridge; National Lottery Update.

11.50 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.15 BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix - First Practice. 8.15 Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix - Second Practice. 9.55 Live Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix - Third Practice. 11.10 Coast. 11.30 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. 12.00 David Lean: Talking Pictures. 12.40 Film: In Which We Serve. (1942)

2.00 World at War: drama, starring Noel Coward. 2.30 Escape to the Country. 3.00 Flog It! 4.00 Final Score. 5.30 Triathlon.

7.00 Proms Extra. Jazz singer Clare Teal chats about her role in the Battle of the Bands concert, and Katie Derham is also joined by conductor Sascha Goetzl and composer Mark-Anthony Turnage.

7.45 Dad's Army. A night at the cinema and a black-market toasted cheese sandwich make Mainwaring have an unusual dream in which he is Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo.

8.15 Ancient Egypt: Life and Death in the Valley of the Kings. Egyptologist John Fletcher looks at the lives of ordinary Egyptian citizens 3,500 years ago. In the first of two programmes, she explores the conditions of their tightly packed houses, how they dressed and what they ate. Joann also examines their love of poetry, their enthusiasm for interior design and what it was like to work in the Valley of the Kings. (R)

9.15 Andrew Marr's Great Scots: The Writers Who Shaped a Nation. The life of Walter Scott, the prolific novelist and poet who wrote swashbuckling tales of romance and derring-do. However, Andrew Marr reveals his lesser-known side as a political figure who believed in a proud Scotland inside the UK. Scott brought George IV to his home country and, swathing him in tartan, created an enduring myth of Scotland as a place of romance populated by a brave race doing brave deeds, all clad in kilts.

10.15 QI XL. Stephen Fry presents an extended version of the quiz, and poses some unusual questions about jelly, jam and juice to Jo Brand, Liza Tarbuck, Sue Perkins and Alan Davies. (R)

11.00 Film: Insomnia. (2002) Christopher Nolan's thriller, starring Al Pacino and the late Robin Williams.

12.50 Film: The Sheltering Sky. (1990) 3.05 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITY: Pat & Stan. 6.10 Pat & Stan. 6.20 Pat & Stan. 6.25 Dino Dan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.50 Animals. (R) 6.55 Animals. (R) 7.05 Sooty. (R) 7.15 Neds & Monsters. (R) 7.25 Neds & Monsters. (R) 7.40 Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) 7.55 Chowder. (R) 8.10 Chowder. (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 The Hungry Salters. (R) 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.25 ITV News; Weather. 11.35 Film: Columbo: No Time to Die. (1992) 1.20 Film: The Mighty Ducks. (1992) Ice-hockey comedy, starring Emilio Estevez. 3.25 Weekend Escapes with Warwick Davis. (R) 3.55 Film: Murder on the Orient Express. (1974) Agatha Christie mystery, starring Albert Finney and the late Lauren Bacall.

6.20 Regional Programme; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather.

6.45 You've Been Framed! Top Tens. Comedian Harry Hill unveils some of his favourite comical clips, featuring shocks and surprises, madcap pets and dramatic falls, as he narrates a selection of viewer-submitted videos. (R)

7.45 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Comedienne Jo Brand, former England rugby union player Ben Cohen and Dragons' Den investor Kelly Hoppen take the fun on the arcade-style token-pushing machine. Dropping counters down a choice of four chutes, the celebrity contestants hope to knock piles of them off a moving shelf - and the more they collect, the better their chances of scooping the £20,000 prize for a charity of their choice. Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. Last in the series.

8.45 All Star Family Fortunes. EastEnders' June Brown (Dot Branning) and Blue singer Simon Webbe team up with their relatives in a bid to win £30,000 for their chosen charities. Vernon Kay hosts. (R)

9.45 Film: Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi. (1983) The rebel heroes set out to rescue Han Solo before a final decisive battle with the forces of the evil Empire. Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Mark Hamill and Harrison Ford. Continues after the News.

10.45 ITV News; Weather.

11.00 Film: Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi. (1983) Concluded.

12.30 Jackpot247.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Close. 6.05 Trans World Sport. 7.00 Tri Liverpool. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.50 Frasier. (R) 10.25 Frasier. (R) 10.50 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.15 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.40 The Simpsons. (R) 12.10 The Simpsons. (R) 12.40 Heston's Great British Food. (R) 1.40 Channel 4 Racing. Coverage of live racing from York and Goodwood. 4.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.40 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.40 Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. Double-glazing salesman Richard Deeping hosts the final party in Leicester, and hopes to impress with his culinary prowess before the winner is announced. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.05 The Restoration Man. George Clarke follows Vanessa Ford Robbins and partner Nik Huddy's project to restore a Victorian gate lodge located on the boundaries of a country estate in Surrey. (R)

8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows the progress of Brighton couple Darren Howarth and Adi Nortje, who want to build an earth-sheltered home from recycled materials, based on ideas pioneered in New Mexico in the 1970s. However, land prices and planning laws have forced the pair out of England and into Brittany. To keep costs down, Darren and Adi enlist the help of unskilled volunteers to work on the house, in exchange for teaching them the construction techniques. (R)

9.00 Film: Red Lights. (2012) Premiere. A famous blind psychic returns to the public arena 30 years after his career ended in scandal and a suspicious death. A paranormal investigator ignores his mentor's warnings and tries to expose the spiritualist as a fraud, a task that sets him on a dangerous path. Thriller, starring Cillian Murphy, Sigourney Weaver and Robert De Niro.

11.15 Psychopath Night. Documentary going inside the minds of psychopaths, finding out how to spot them and counting down the top 10 mentally deranged movie characters, as selected by experts. (R)

1.05 The Last Leg. (R) 1.50 Homeland. (R) 2.45 Hollyoaks. 4.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Access. 10.00 Hercules the Human Bear. (R) 10.55 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. (R) 11.55 Extreme Nightmare Neighbours Next Door. (R) 12.55 Film: White Fang 2: The Myth of the White Wolf. (1994) Adventure sequel, starring Scott Bairstow. 3.00 Film: The Wizard of Oz. (1939) Musical fantasy, starring Judy Garland. 5.00 Film: Michael Jackson's This Is It. (2009) Documentary following the singer in rehearsal.

7.10 ABBA @ 40: The Abba Years. Documentary exploring the history of the Swedish band and the careers of Agnetha Fältskog, Björn Ulvåus, Benny Andersson and Anni-Frid Lyngstad after their split in 1982. The film charts their rise to fame after coming together as a band and winning the Eurovision Song Contest in 1974 with Waterloo, and the success in the years that followed, in which they sold 360 million records. Featuring interviews with all four members, and a look behind the scenes at the musical Mamma Mia! that shows Björn and Benny working with the theatre team. Featuring contributions by Bono and Pete Waterman. Shown as part of Sing-a-long Saturday. (R)

8.05 ABBA @ 40: Live at Wembley. A recording of the Swedish band in concert during their six-night residence at London's Wembley Arena in November 1979. Featuring performances of hits including Voulez-Vous, Knowing Me, Knowing You, Gimme! Gimme! Gimme! (A Man After Midnight), SOS, Take a Chance on Me, Dancing Queen and Waterloo. Shown as part of Sing-a-long Saturday. (R)

9.05 5 News Weekend.

9.10 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of another day in the celebrity-filled house, including a chance to see the events leading up to the first eviction and what happened afterwards. Did the result go down well with all the remaining contestants, or did arguments break out in the small hours?

10.10 Rob Brydon Live.

11.10 Autopsy: Michael Jackson's Last Hours. (R)

12.10 Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. 1.10 SuperCasino. 3.10 Celebrity Big Brother. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 5.15 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Greg & Jen @ Reading 8.00 Foster the People & Imagine Dragons @ Reading 9.00 Jake Bugg & Bombay Bicycle Club @ Reading 10.00 Arctic Monkeys @ Reading 11.50 Family Guy 1.40 American Dad! 2.20 Sexy Beasts 2.50 Russell Howard's Good News 3.50 Close

BBC Four
7.00 Human Planet 8.00 Tales from the National Parks 9.00 Inspector Montalbano 10.50 Boogie Fever: A TOTP2 Disco Special 12.20 Queens of Disco 1.20 Sounds of the 70s 2 Soul - Keep on Keeping On 1.50 Human Planet 2.50 Tales from the National Parks 3.50 Close

ITV2
11.15 Take Me Out 12.25 Dinner Date: Australia 1.20 You've Been Framed Rides Again! 2.25 You've Been Framed! Full Throttle 3.30 Film: Nancy Drew (2007) 5.30 You've Been Framed! 6.35 Film: King Kong (2005) 10.00 Film: Hostage (2005) 12.20 Film: State of Play (2009) 2.45 Kylie Minogue: The Hot Desk

ITV3
11.05 Film: Carry On Jack (1963) 12.55 Polyanna 3.00 A Touch of Frost 7.05 Lewis 9.00 Foyle's War 11.00 Bomb Girls 12.00 Film: Columbo: (1977) 1.25 World Kitchen 2.15 ITVs Nightscreen

ITV4
10.40 Film: Destry (1954) 2.35 Film: Nevada Smith (1966) 5.10 The Motorbike Show 6.15 Storage Wars 7.15 Film: Casino Royale (1967) 10.00 Cycling: Vuelta a Espana 11.05 Film: Boogeyman (2004) 12.50 Cycling: Vuelta a Espana 1.55 Police. Camera. Action! 2.20 Cheers 2.45 ITV4 Nightscreen

E4
11.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 12.30 The Big Bang Theory 1.30 Film: Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010) 3.25 The Big Bang Theory 4.25 Melissa & Joey 5.30 Made in Chelsea NYC 6.35 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 7.05 The 100 8.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Die Hard 4.0 (2007) 11.35 The Big Bang Theory 12.30 Virtually Famous 1.20 Almost Royal 1.50 How I Met Your Mother

Film4
11.00 Meet Dave (2008) 12.50 X-Men: First Class Special 1.00 Toys (1992) 3.25 Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (2009) 5.30 Marmaduke (2010) 7.15 Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (2007) 9.00 The Hole (2009) 10.50 Underworld: Awakening (2012) 12.30 Shutter (2008)

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The Mill (Channel 4, 8pm)
When the strikers form a line outside the gates, William enlists a band of men to break the stand-off, joined by John's special constables. A violent confrontation follows and Daniel is arrested - but calls for the workers to keep fighting. While Esther is attending the union meeting in Manchester in his place, Susannah looks after baby Billy, who has become critically ill. Elsewhere, more information comes to light about Peter's background, but before he can learn the truth, Hannah's sickness takes a turn for the worse. Starring Kerrie Hayes, Lauren McQueen, Connor Dempsey, Mark Frost, Joshua Isherwood, Ewan Phillips, Katherine Rose Morley, Justin Salinger, Barbara Marten, Holly Kenny, Sope Dirisu and Matthew McNulty.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.40 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 BBC News. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Bargain Hunt. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Weather. 12.10 Live Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix. Coverage from the Spa-Francorchamps circuit (Start-time 1.00pm). 3.30 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 The Great British Bake Off. (R) 5.30 Songs of Praise. 6.05 **Deadly on a Mission: Pole to Pole.** On a jungle expedition in Guyana, Steve Backshall encounters an ant with the world's most painful sting and explores below the water of the rainforest rivers. Last in the series. **6.35 BBC News:** Regional News. 7.00 **Nature's Miracle Orphans.** Part one of two. Presenters Ellie Harrison and Max Hug Williams follow orphaned baby animals as they make steps to return to the wild. Ellie travels to Australia to meet three koalas called Tilly, Puddles and Danny, who were rescued from the roadside where their mother had been killed - Danny needs around-the-clock care and is building up his strength with night-time games of chase. She also meets a tiny wallaby called Neil whose carer Stella is worried may die from stress if he can't find him a companion. Elsewhere, wildlife cameraman Max is in Costa Rica where he gets acquainted with Newbie, a five-month-old three-toed sloth, who has suffered from pneumonia since she was rescued. He follows wildlife manager Sam at Kids Saving The Rainforest as she tries to teach the baby sloth to climb trees and learn to go back to the wild. 8.00 **Countryfile.** John Craven and Anita Rani explore the foodie culture of Herefordshire, meeting farmer Simon Cutter and his pure-bred cattle and a botanist extracting natural goodness from fields. 9.00 **The Village.** Grace becomes increasingly impressed by Bill's left-wing ideas as polling day approaches. John makes a success of the dairy farm and Clem finds the perfect match for Edmund. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Match of the Day 2. 11.35 Match of the Day at 50. (R) 12.35 Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.40 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Countryfile. (R) 7.00 Alan Titchmarsh's Gardeners' Secrets. (R) 8.00 Gardeners' World. (R) 8.30 The Beechgrove Garden. 9.00 The Football League Show. (R) 10.20 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.50 Coast. 12.15 MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. 1.00 Food & Drink. (R) 1.30 Sweets Made Simple. (R) 2.00 Flog It! Trade Secrets. 2.30 Live Athletics. The British Athletics Grand Prix. 7.00 **Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix - Highlights.** Suzi Perry introduces action from the Spa-Francorchamps circuit, where the 12th meeting of the season took place. This was the first race since the summer break, which came after the Hungarian Grand Prix, and Daniel Ricciardo was aiming to repeat his thrilling win at the Hungaroring, while Mercedes drivers Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg resumed their duel for the title. With commentary by Ben Edwards and David Coulthard, and analysis by Eddie Jordan. 8.00 **Dragons' Den.** More people bid to win funding for their projects from the panel, including a returning entrepreneur with an outdoor space-saving device, a golfing duo with a new take on the traditional tee, and a designer who has flipped the conventional umbrella on its head. The Dragons also come face to face with a fellow multimillionaire and the Den is filled with children's tepees. With a fair amount of game playing, gambling and bargaining taking place, will anyone manage to secure a deal? Evan Davis presents. 9.00 **James May's Cars of the People.** James explores how aspiration and new wealth inspired some of the greatest vehicles ever made and also unveils his choice of the ultimate people's car. Last in the series. 10.00 **An Adventure in Space and Time.** Drama written by Mark Gatiss telling the story of how sci-fi series Doctor Who was first brought to the screen in November 1963. Starring David Bradley and Brian Cox. (R) 11.30 **Film: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.** (2005) Sci-fi comedy, starring Martin Freeman and Bill Nighy. 1.10 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 2.05 Holy City. (R) 3.05 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Pat & Stan. 6.10 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.20 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.25 Dino Dan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.50 Animals. (R) 6.55 Animals. (R) 7.05 Sooty. (R) 7.15 Nerd & Monsters. (R) 7.25 Nerd & Monsters. (R) 7.40 Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) 7.55 Chowder. (R) 8.10 Chowder. (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 May the Best House Win. (R) 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.20 ITV News; Weather. 11.30 River Monsters. (R) 12.30 Long Lost Family. (R) 1.30 **Film:** Columbo Goes to the Guillotine. (1989) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. 3.30 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.30 Tipping Point. (R) 6.35 **Regional Programme:** Weather. 6.45 **ITV News:** Weather. 7.00 **Come On Down! The Game Show Story.** Bradley Walsh looks at the role played by contestants in the role played by contestants in creating game-show history across the decades. He meets the team whose bizarre answers featured in one of the most memorable editions of Family Fortunes, and hears how Bullseye brought a new level of frustration to participants when Jim Bowen showed them what they could have won. He talks to people famous for their losing TV appearances, including the teacher labelled "Disastermind" by the press and the losing member of the Deal or No Deal 1p Club. Bradley also joins forces with three pros to take on all-comers in a pub quiz. With contributions by Ant and Dec, Nick Knowles, Richard Osman, Vernon Kay and other small-screen stars. 8.00 **The Zoo.** The giraffe herd at Whipsnade has a new arrival in need of urgent help - the calf has problems with its legs and is unable to suckle from its mother. Last in the series. 9.00 **The Great War: The People's Story.** A young woman (Claire Foy) seizes the chance to work in arms factories, a country vicar (Brian Cox) writes about men leaving for war and a servant (Amy Morgan) falls for a soldier. 10.00 **ITV News:** Weather. 10.15 **Kids with Cameras: Diary of a Children's Ward.** 11.15 **The Cube.** A sales assistant and a police officer try to complete a series of increasingly difficult tasks in the hope of winning a jackpot of £250,000. (R) 12.10 The Store.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 6.35 British F3. 7.05 Outlaw Trilition. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) 1.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 2.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 2.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 2.55 The Simpsons. (R) 3.25 **Film:** Runaway Bride. (1999) Romantic comedy, with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. 5.40 Deal or No Deal. 6.35 **Channel 4 News.** 7.00 **How Britain Worked.** Engineering enthusiast Guy Martin celebrates the workers of the Industrial Revolution by recreating some of the 19th century's most impressive technical achievements. Along the way he focuses on the unsung heroes of the time - the men, women and children who worked 14 hours a day for little pay to create extraordinary marvels that changed the country for ever. He begins by overhauling a steam locomotive currently in use on the Severn Valley Railway, repairing its boiler, safety valves and one of its two-ton wheels. He also lays some track using the same methods as the notorious "navvies" - the notorious, hard-living labourers who put together Britain's entire railway infrastructure by hand. (R) 8.00 **The Mill.** As tensions escalate during the strike, a violent confrontation leads to Daniel's arrest. Susanna looks after Esther's baby, who has become critically ill. Last in the series. 9.00 **Film: The Cold Light of Day.** (2012) Premiere. A man on a sailing holiday in Spain discovers his family have been abducted. His search for them leads him to learn that his father has been leading a double-life as a CIA agent, and has stolen top-secret information - which the kidnappers will stop at nothing to obtain. Thriller, starring Henry Cavill, Bruce Willis and Sigourney Weaver. 10.50 **Film: Skyline.** (2010) Sci-fi thriller, with Eric Balfour and Scottie Thompson. 12.35 First Time Farmers. (R) 1.30 The Million Pound Drop. (R) 2.25 The Hoarder Next Door. (R) 3.20 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 4.15 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. 4.30 Gordon Ramsay's Home Cooking. (R) 5.00 Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Pappa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) 6.25 Bubble Guppies. (R) 6.35 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.50 Chloe's Closet. (R) 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.35 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.40 City of Friends. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.20 Billy the Little White Van. (R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.15 Jelly Jam. (R) 9.30 LazyTown. (R) 10.00 Highland Emergency. (R) 10.30 Police Interceptors. (R) 11.25 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.25 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.25 **Film:** Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2. (2011) Premiere. Comedy, starring Marcus Coloma. 3.05 **Film:** Holes. (2003) Family adventure, starring Shia LaBeouf. 5.15 **Film:** A Cinderella Story. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Hilary Duff and Chad Michael Murray. 7.05 **Film: Legally Blonde.** (2001) A seamingly bright teenager is heartbroken when her boyfriend dumps her because he thinks she is not intelligent enough to help his political career. To prove him wrong she enrolls at Harvard, but finds herself out of her depth as other students do their best to humiliate her. Comedy, starring Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson, Selma Blair, Matthew Davis and Victor Garber. Edited for language. 8.55 **5 News Weekend.** 9.00 **Celebrity Big Brother.** The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt. 10.00 **Film: Under Siege.** (1992) A veteran US Navy Seal working on a battleship as a cook leaps into action to liberate the vessel from terrorists. Action adventure, starring Steven Seagal and Tommy Lee Jones. Edited for language. 11.55 **Film: Point Break.** (1991) An undercover FBI agent infiltrates a Californian surfing gang to investigate a spate of armed robberies. Kathryn Bigelow's thriller, starring Keanu Reeves and Patrick Swayze. 2.10 SuperCinema. 3.10 Woman on the Rampage: Killing Spree. 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 5.15 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Maverick Sabre & Clean Bandit @ Reading 8.00 The Kooks & You We at Six @ Reading 9.00 Our World War 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 Siblings 11.15 Cuckoo 11.45 Blink 182 & Disclosure @ Reading 12.45 American Dad! 1.30 Sexy Beasts 2.00 Siblings 2.30 Cuckoo 3.00 Impractical Jokers 3.30 Sexy Beasts 4.00 Close
BBC Four
7.00 The Sunday Prom: Elgar's Cello Concerto 9.05 Definitely Dusty 10.05 **Film:** Cafe de Flore (2011) 12.00 The Kate Bush Story: Running Up That Hill 1.00 Kate Bush at the BBC 2.00 The Joy of Abba 3.00 Definitely Dusty 4.00 Close
ITV2
11.55 America's Got Talent 2.30 Ultimate You've Been Framed 3.30 **Film:** Horrid Henry: The Movie (2011) 5.25 **Film:** Beethoven (1991) 7.15 **Film:** Jurassic Park III (2001) 9.00 **Film:** Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005) 11.15 **Film:** The Butterfly Effect (2004) 1.35 The Big Reunion 2.14 2.30 You've Been Framed! 2.55 Teleshopping 5.55 **ITV2 Nightscreen**
ITV3
11.55 Wycliffe 1.00 **Film:** Thoroughly Modern Millie (1967) 3.50 **Film:** Summer Holiday (1963) 6.00 **Film:** Columbo: Now You See Him (1976) 8.00 Lewis 10.00 **Film:** City of Angels (1998) 12.20 William and Mary 1.20 Polyantha 3.05 **ITV2 Nightscreen**
ITV4
6.00 BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights 7.00 Cycling: Vuelta a Espana 8.00 Ray Mears' Close Encounters 9.00 **Film:** Spy Game (2001) 11.35 Hell on Wheels 12.35 River Monsters 1.40 Movies Now 1.50 Cycling: Vuelta a Espana 2.50 **ITV4 Nightscreen**
E4
12.30 Made in Chelsea NYC 1.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 2.30 Suburgatory 3.00 The Mindy Project 3.30 New Girl 4.00 The Big Bang Theory 5.00 The 100 6.00 Rude (ish) Tube 7.00 **Film:** Honey, I Shrank the Kids (1989) 9.00 Made in Chelsea NYC 10.00 Almost Royal 10.35 The Big Bang Theory 11.35 Virtually Famous 12.25 Rules of Engagement
Film4
11.00 Written on the Wind (1956) 1.00 Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) 2.50 Black Knight (2001) 4.40 Edward Scissorhands (1990) 6.50 27 Dresses (2008) 9.00 The Haunting in Connecticut (2009) 11.00 Raging Bulls of Steel Justice 11.15 R100 (2013)

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MONDAY

The Sorcerer's Apprentice, BBC1, 1.30pm

A wizard living secretly in modern-day New York vows to prevent his mystical enemy from taking over the city. Realising that he is unable to complete the task alone, he recruits an ordinary teenager to be his assistant, teaching him to master the magical arts. Fantasy adventure, starring Nicolas Cage, Jay Baruchel and Alfred Molina. (2010)

TUESDAY

Seventeen and Missing, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A mother with clairvoyant abilities is distraught when her teenage daughter goes missing. She finds herself plagued by traumatic visions of the girl's abduction, which might provide the vital clue to rescuing her, and turns to her estranged husband for help in tracking down their child. Thriller, starring Dedee Pfeiffer, Matthew Harrison and Tegan Moss. (2006)

WEDNESDAY

Our Children, Channel 4, 1.10am

A woman marries a Moroccan immigrant and together they move into the home of his adoptive father. She is left feeling increasingly isolated living a household in which they have become trapped, driving her to contemplate killing her five children. Fact-based drama, starring Emilie Dequenne, Tahar Rahim and Niels Arestrup. In French and Arabic. (2012)



The Invention of Lying, Friday, ITV, 10.40pm

THURSDAY

The Hunted, BBC1, 11.35pm

A traumatised special forces soldier regresses to a feral existence in an isolated area of woodland. Increasingly unhinged, he starts to pick off anyone who strays into his path, prompting the mentor who trained him in hand-to-hand armed combat to track him down before the authorities take drastic action. Action thriller, with Tommy Lee Jones, Benicio Del Toro, Connie Nielsen and Mark Pelegirino. (2003)

FRIDAY

The Invention of Lying, ITV, 10.40pm

In a world where everyone always tells the truth, a failed documentary writer learns how to lie. Since no one else knows what deception is, his most ludicrous inventions are taken at face value, making him a huge success - and ultimately leading to him starting his own religion. Comedy, starring Ricky Gervais and Jennifer Garner. (2009)

PICK OF THE WEEK

Series continues to prove a novel success

A year ago, Channel 5 brought us one of the most enjoyably bonkers fantasy sagas of the year. Based on the novel by Stephen King, *Under the Dome* was one of those glorious 'What if?'-style dramas popularised in *The Twilight Zone*.

In this case, the 'what if?' being: a hemispherical force field. It appeared out of nowhere and trapped the residents of small American town Chester's Mill. Once comparisons with *The Simpsons Movie* faded, UDT became must-see viewing for viewers who don't take their fantasy TV too seriously.

It didn't just raise questions such as 'What created the dome?' or 'Was it impassable?', but 'Would rain pass through the force field?' and 'What happened when the food and resources ran out?'

It didn't hurt that there was eye candy for both sexes, from hunky, shady ex-soldier Barbie (Mike Vogel) to flame-haired investigative reporter Julia Shumway (Rachel LeFevre).

And as every good drama needs a larger-than-life villain, *Breaking Bad*

veteran Dean Norris proved perfect as politician/used car dealer 'Big Jim' Rennie.

Okay, some Stephen King purists may have argued that it's not as good as the 2009 source novel, but given the fact most King-inspired TV strands have been a let down, it proved more compelling than most.

Series one of *Under the Dome* was bursting with memorable moments, from a cow sliced in half when the hemisphere first appeared, to the man whose pacemaker exploded in his chest. It was the show where anything could, and probably would happen.

Admittedly it wasn't perfect, but it kept many fans coming back for more week after week, and series two looks like it could be equally compelling. It picks up directly from where the first series left off.

Chester's Mill is now bathed in a blinding white light as the Dome starts to change. It becomes opaque, and starts emitting a regular electromagnetic pulse.

Pink stars have fallen in lines as a result of Julia throwing the egg into

the lake, and Barbie is awaiting execution on the scaffold after Big Jim accused him of murder.

Of course the ongoing success of this series has meant Mike Vogel's own star is definitely on the rise.

"What I love about this show, it's very real characters reacting to a very unreal event," he explains. Mike is no stranger to working in Blighty, having made a film with Jamie Murray called *The Deaths of Ian Stone*. If UDT's schedule allows, he'd love to return to the UK for a new project. "I love England and I love English actors," he explains. "There is a richness and a tradition in the craft that you get with English actors that I don't see a lot with my American counterparts. It's always refreshing to me."

New 'Dome' cast additions should help make this second run equally refreshing.

Look out for former ER star Sherry Stringfield as Big Jim's 'late' wife Pauline, while country music superstar Dwight Yoakam plays the delightfully named town barber, Lyle Churnley.



Mike Vogel stars in Under the Dome, Monday, Channel 5, 10pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Scotland Decides: Salmond versus Darling BBC2, 8.30pm

As the people of Scotland prepare to vote in next month's referendum on whether to break away from the rest of the UK, Glenn Campbell chairs the second debate between First Minister Alex Salmond and Better Together leader Alistair Darling. The SNP leader and the former chancellor of the exchequer will lay out their competing visions for the future of Scotland in front of a specially invited audience at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow.

Gadget Man Channel 4, 8.30pm

New series. Richard Ayoade returns with the show exploring the world of technology, from the everyday to the extraordinary. In the first edition, he takes on the worst of the British climate, braving a hurricane in a wind tunnel with the help of Tim Vine to assess the best in gust-busting gadgetry. He's also joined by Marcus Brigstocke at the Hemel Hempstead Snow Centre to pressure-test cold-weather technology.

TUESDAY

Super Senses: The Secret Power of Animals BBC2, 9pm

Biologist Patrick Aryee and physicist Helen Czerski

continue their exploration of the world of animal senses by investigating sound - from the deepest rumbles to the highest squeaks - using specialised technology to detect noises beyond the range of human hearing. They reveal how alligators use low-pitch sounds to make the water around them 'dance', show what it is like to be a bat and see with echolocation, and convert a classic camper van into a giant speaker to conduct the ultimate hearing test for a herd of elephants.

WEDNESDAY Addicts' Symphony Channel 4, 11pm

Okay, so you'd never have thought the words 'addict' and 'classical music' go well together in the same sentence, but composer and musician James McConnell is about to enlighten us as to why they do. You see, he's examining music's many transformative uses by bringing together 10 classical musicians who have all been affected by addiction - and they will be performing alongside the London Symphony Orchestra. Every musician is trying to break free of addiction - some have been sober for years, while others only a few months - and James, a recovering alcoholic himself,

wants to prove just how big a part music can play in an addict's recovery.

THURSDAY

Who Do You Think You Are? BBC1, 9pm

Irish comedian Brendan O'Carroll, best known as his alter ego Mrs Brown and star of the BBC sitcom *Mrs Brown's Boys*, tries to find out the truth about his grandfather's murder, and attempts to uncover the identities of the men responsible. Shopkeeper Peter O'Carroll was killed in October 1920 at the height of the Irish War of Independence, and the Dublin-born actor begins his journey of discovery with only a newspaper article from the time and the words 'shot during the curfew' from Peter's gravestone.

FRIDAY

Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game Channel 4, 9pm

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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 1. It's a job to send off communications (4)
- 3. Progressive direction as far as hospital rooms are concerned (8)
- 9. Row about the return of the doctor is disgusting (7)
- 10. The result of an addition to the account that's endless (5)
- 11. Could it be a film of the Scottish mountains? (8,4)
- 13. Making observations outside the capital of Germany (6)
- 15. Young animals found in the garbage bin (6)
- 17. Travel voucher for the bachelor? (6,6)
- 20. Plenty found among damp leaves (5)
- 21. May be well patronised at play-time (7)
- 22. An obstruction on one and all nearly producing aristocratic epithet (8)
- 23. Those in favour of the pupils, we hear (4)

Down

- 1. An inclination to write a song (8)
- 2. A ballistic device used for supporting a member (5)
- 4. The wettest parts of the earth (6)
- 5. He's skilled in finding liquid assets (5-7)
- 6. Withdraw to the monastery, maybe (7)
- 7. Only sea-food (4)
- 8. People on this surface are likely to use bias (7-5)
- 12. Takes trouble about the right union members (8)
- 14. One on an excursion is a dancer (7)
- 16. The girl embraced by Robert Harris (6)
- 18. Common fund for Catherine (5)
- 19. Sounds like congestion seen at the side of the entrance (4)

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Quick Clues:

Across

- 1. Select (4)
- 3. Yielded (8)
- 9. Warlike (7)
- 10. Move sideways (5)
- 11. Self-government (12)
- 13. Unmask (6)
- 15. Proscribe (6)
- 17. Decline (12)
- 20. Accumulate (5)
- 21. Melancholy (7)
- 22. Collapse (4,4)
- 23. Parched (4)

Down

- 1. Amalgamated (8)
- 2. Sensational (5)
- 4. Become less severe (6)
- 5. Shady (12)
- 6. Addition to will (7)
- 7. Action (4)
- 8. Ousted (12)
- 12. Cheated (8)
- 14. Be victorious (7)
- 16. Grassland (6)
- 18. Deduce (5)
- 19. Stray (4)

Sudoku

2 3 6
9 7 6
4 1 9 6
7 9 3 5 1
7 3 5 2
8 3 2 4 5 2

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >
3 4 9 6 5 2 1 8 7
5 7 6 3 1 8 4 2 9
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9 6 7 8 3 5 2 4 1
1 2 4 9 7 6 3 5 8
8 3 5 1 2 4 7 9 6
7 9 2 5 6 3 8 1 4
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 6 The buck; 7 Music; 9 Break; 10 Look-out; 12 Legal tender; 14 The Bastille; 18 Drawing; 19 Of day; 21 Lover; 22 Lineage. Down: 1 Sharp; 2 Abrade; 3 Ace; 4 Buskin; 5 Minutes; 8 Contain; 11 Passing; 13 Chariot; 15 Bowler; 16 Lifted; 17 Laugh; 20 Wig. QUICK - Across: 6 Durable; 7 Widen; 9 State; 10 Gainsay; 12 Under stress; 14 Stage player; 18 Protect; 19 Carry; 21 Flour; 22 Collect. Down: 1 Quota; 2 Fasten; 3 Sly; 4 Winner; 5 Relapse; 8 Oarsman; 11 Respect; 13 Sterile; 15 Get out; 16 Enable; 17 Trick; 20 Joy.

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Stunning period house with a premier address



A STUNNING period detached house in a premier address in Paganel Drive, Dudley has been tastefully refurbished over the last few years.

It is for sale through Billingham Taylor at £245,000.

It has a porch with solid timber double doors, entrance hallway with feature period stained glass main door and solid wood flooring and stairs off. The bay fronted dining room has double doors into a rear reception room/lounge with a living flame effect fireplace. An extended refitted breakfast kitchen has solid wood shaker-style doors, integrated dishwasher, breakfast bar, tiled flooring, and a pantry. There are three bedrooms and a good sized re-fitted bathroom. There is a superb mature rear garden.

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Immaculate property sited on a corner plot

AN IMMACULATE three bedroomed semi-detached house in Straits Road, Gornal, lies on a good sized corner plot.

It is for sale through Bakers at £169,950. With double glazing and central heating it has a reception hall, a rear lounge with a full height feature stone chimney breast and fire surround and a marble hearth, a dining room with a front bow window and a feature brick fire surround with marble hearth and gas fire point.

The kitchen has range of wall and base units with work surfaces over. V door to a sun room, which in turn has ceramic floor tiling and spot lighting. Upstairs are three bedrooms and a bathroom. The is a detached garage and front and rear gardens.

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<p>HALESOWEN,</p> <p>NO CHAIN</p> <p>● Executive Style Detached Property EPC Rating C ● Lounge Dining Room Study Breakfast Kitchen Cupboard ● Master Bedroom With Ensuite Three Further Bedrooms Family Bathroom ● Driveway Double Garage Front and Rear Gardens ● Cul-de-sac Location No Upward Chain Viewing Recommended £329,950 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>	<p>DUDLEY,</p> <p>NEW</p> <p>● Extended Detached Property EPC Rating D ● Two Reception Rooms Kitchen Utility Room Downstairs Shower Room W/c ● Four Bedrooms Family Bath/Shower Room W/c ● Black Paved Drive Garage and Garden To The Rear ● Property Internal Viewing Highly Recommended To Appreciate Accommodation £237,950 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>	<p>OLDBURY,</p> <p>NO CHAIN</p> <p>● Modern Detached Property EPC Rating C ● Lounge, Dining Room Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Cloaks W/c ● Four Bedrooms Master With Ensuite Shower Room plus Family Bathroom ● Property Benefits From Central Heating and Double Glazing ● Integral Garage Driveway Garden To The Rear £224,950 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>	<p>KIDDERMINSTER,</p> <p>NEW</p> <p>● Under Construction New Build Terrace Property Awaiting EPC/SAP Ratings ● Stour Valley An Exciting New Development Offered By Bovis Homes ● Accommodation Over Three Floors Including Master Bedroom With Ensuite ● Two Reception Rooms Kitchen Three Bedrooms Family Bathroom W/c ● For Further Information Contact Your Move Quinton Office £219,995 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>	<p>BARTLEY GREEN / HALESOWEN BORDER,</p> <p>S.S.T.C.</p> <p>● Detached Period Cottage, EPC Rating E ● Lounge Dining Area Two Further Rooms plus Kitchen Study Conservatory ● Three Bedrooms Shower Room W/c ● Driveway Double Garage Rear Garden ● Internal Viewing Essential To Appreciate Accommodation £210,000 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>	<p>QUINTON,</p> <p>NEW</p> <p>● Period Mid Terrace Property EPC Rating E ● Good Size Lounge Kitchen Dining Room ● Four Bedrooms and Bathroom W/c ● Enclosed Garden To The Rear ● Internal Inspection Essential To Appreciate Accommodation £190,000 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>
<p>KIDDERMINSTER,</p> <p>NEW</p> <p>● Under Construction New Build Terrace Property Awaiting EPC/SAP Ratings ● Stour Valley An Exciting New Development Offered By Bovis Homes ● Accommodation Over Two Floors Including Master Bedroom With Ensuite ● Lounge/Dining Room Kitchen Three Bedrooms Family Bathroom W/c ● For Further Information Contact Your Move Quinton Office £184,995 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>	<p>HALESOWEN,</p> <p>● Traditional Semi Detached Property EPC Rating F ● Lounge Dining Room Kitchen Ground Floor Bathroom ● Three Bedrooms Separate W/c ● Three Bedrooms Bathroom W/c ● Benefiting From Gas Central Heating System and Double Glazing ● Driveway To The Front Garden To The Rear £170,000 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>	<p>BARTLEY GREEN,</p> <p>● Modern Link Semi Detached Property EPC Rating D ● Lounge Kitchen/Diner Conservatory ● Three Bedrooms Master Having En-suite plus Family Bathroom W/c ● Three Bedrooms Bathroom W/c ● Property Benefits From Double Glazing and a Gas Central Heating System ● Side Garage Driveway Garden To The Rear £159,950 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>	<p>OLDBURY,</p> <p>NO CHAIN</p> <p>● Traditional Semi Detached Property EPC Rating D ● Through Lounge/Dining Room Kitchen Conservatory ● Three Bedrooms And Bathroom W/c ● Three Bedrooms Family Bathroom W/c ● Refurbished To A High Standard. Viewing Recommended £150,000 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>	<p>BARTLEY GREEN,</p> <p>● Semi Detached Bungalow EPC Rating B ● Lounge-Dining Room Conservatory Kitchen ● Two Bedrooms Bathroom W/c ● Three Bedrooms and Bathroom W/c ● Property Benefits From Central Heating Double Glazing and Solar Panels ● Front and Rear Gardens Garage En-Block £135,000 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>	<p>ROWLEY REGIS,</p> <p>NEW</p> <p>● Semi Detached Property EPC Rating E ● Lounge-Dining Room Extended Kitchen ● Three Bedrooms Bathroom W/c ● Drive To The Front Garden To The Rear ● Cul-de-sac Location Internal Viewing Recommended £135,000 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>
<p>HALESOWEN,</p> <p>NEW</p> <p>● Recently Re-furnished Mid Terrace Property EPC Rating E ● Two Reception Rooms Kitchen Downstairs Bathroom W/c ● Upstairs There Are Three Bedrooms ● Walled Frontage and Garden To The Rear ● Internal Viewing Recommended To Appreciate Accommodation £130,000 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>	<p>ROWLEY REGIS,</p> <p>NO CHAIN</p> <p>● Semi Detached Property EPC Rating E ● Lounge Dining Room Fitted Kitchen Cloakroom W/c ● Three Bedrooms Bathroom W/c ● Property Benefits From A Gas Central Heating System and Double Glazing ● Front and Rear Gardens Detached Garage £124,995 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>	<p>ROWLEY REGIS,</p> <p>REDUCED</p> <p>● Semi Detached Property EPC Rating D ● Lounge Kitchen Dining Room Utility Room Cloaks W/c ● Three Bedrooms Bathroom W/c ● Benefiting From A Gas Central Heating System and Double Glazing ● Garage Driveway Garden To The Rear £120,000 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>	<p>WOODGATE VALLEY,</p> <p>NEW</p> <p>● Mid Terrace Property EPC Rating D ● Lounge Kitchen/Diner Cloakroom W/c ● Three Bedrooms Family Bathroom W/c ● Black Paved Drive To The Front Garden To The Rear ● Well Presented Property Internal Viewing Recommended Offers Over £100,000 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>	<p>WOODGATE,</p> <p>NEW</p> <p>● End Terrace Property EPC Rating D ● Lounge Kitchen-Diner Cloakroom W/c ● Three Bedrooms and Bathroom W/c ● Gardens To The Front and Rear ● No Upward Chain Viewing Recommended £92,000 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>	<p>ROWLEY REGIS,</p> <p>NEW</p> <p>● Ground Floor Flat EPC Rating E ● Lounge Kitchen Two Bedrooms Bathroom W/c ● Property Benefits From Double Glazing ● Non Allocated Parking Area ● No Upward Chain Viewing Recommended £65,000 QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766</p>

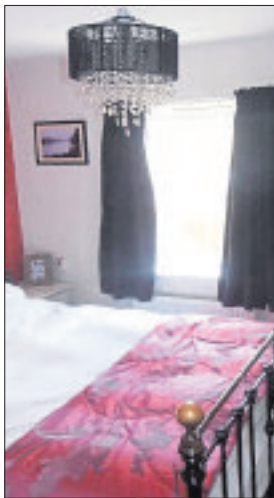
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Immaculate end terrace three-bedroom house



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It has double glazing and gas central heating. The entrance hall with stairs and doors to a garage, WC, utility room and study/bedroom four. On the first floor is a lounge area and a kitchen/diner. The second floor has three bedrooms, and a bathroom. There is also a driveway and gardens.

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Unfurnished first floor flat in pleasant location



THIS unfurnished first floor one bedroomed flat in Elizabeth Walk, Tipton, lies in a pleasant location.

It is available to rent through Trinity Property at £390 pcm.

Carpeted throughout, its accommodation briefly comprises an open plan kitchen/lounge with a feature fireplace and kitchen with pine effect units and contrasting working surfaces and part splash-back tiling, and a bathroom with a modern shower and a separate WC.

There is a garage and off road parking.

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NEW PRICE

KINGSWINFORD, Blenheim Road£695 pcm - Fees
Located within the sought after Crestwood Park development and the catchment area for Crestwood Secondary School. A superb modern semi-detached house, featuring 3 good size bedrooms, house bathroom with shower, welcoming reception hall, large attractive lounge through to a dining area, fitted kitchen, driveway and garage, front garden and a large rear garden. EPC: D



NEW

ROWLEY REGIS, Alwin Road£695 pcm - Fees
Stylish and quiet living. This immaculately presented modern detached house which is close to local shops and buses. Featuring 2 reception rooms, fitted dining kitchen, downstairs w.c, 2 double bedrooms, 1 single bedroom, master bedroom with en-suite, stylish bathroom with shower, driveway and garage. EPC: C



NEW PRICE

ROWLEY REGIS, Fairbourne Avenue£650 pcm - Fees
1ST MONTH HALF PRICE! Perfect for a family and close to the M5. A large Mucklow Style detached home which is available now, close to local shops and bus routes. Featuring 2 double bedrooms with fitted wardrobes and 1 large single bedroom, 2 good size lounges, large kitchen, downstairs w.c, shower room, gas central heating, new windows, huge rear garden, driveway and garage. EPC: D



ROWLEY REGIS, Alwin Road£650 pcm - Fees
This detached house in a cul-de-sac location. Located close to local shops and transport links. Featuring gas central heating, living room, dining area, fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms and 1 single bedroom, bathroom with shower, rear garden, driveway parking, unfurnished. EPC: TBC



HALESOWEN, Hunnington Crescent£650 pcm - Fees
Recently redecorated and carpeted. This huge 3 bedroom town house has had a full redecoration, carpets and boiler. This house will not stay around for long as its so close to Halesowen Town Centre. Featuring 3 bedrooms, a large lounge with stunning views, bathroom with shower, driveway and garage parking, downstairs w.c, small low maintenance rear garden. EPC: TBC



HALESOWEN, Haden Arch Court£575 pcm - Fees
Contemporary living in Halesowen. This 1st floor spacious apartment above the archway, within walking distance to Halesowen Town Centre and buses, the apartment features gas central heating, double glazing, open plan living room, fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom with separate shower cubicle, allocated parking. EPC: B



NEW

HALESOWEN, Spring Street£550 pcm - Fees
Well presented 3 bedroom mid terrace house benefitting from gas central heating, double glazing, 2 reception rooms with laminate flooring, both with contemporary style fireplace. A well equipped kitchen with appliances. Downstairs walk-in wet room. 2 double and 1 single bedrooms. A gardener is included in the rental. Available immediately. EPC: F



NEW

TIPTON, Carnegie Road £550 pcm - Fees
Modern 2 bed semi detached house having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Situated in a cul de sac location offering well maintained accommodation which briefly comprises: reception hall, fitted kitchen, lounge, conservatory leading to private rear garden. Bathroom with shower over bath, driveway for 1 car. EPC: TBC



NEW

CRADLEY HEATH, Luanne Close£525 pcm - Fees
Wonderfully presented and with its own balcony. A 1st floor modern apartment, ideally located for Old Hill train station and local shops benefits from 1 double bedroom and 1 single bedroom, modern kitchen with washer/dryer, lovely lounge with access to your own private balcony, house bathroom with shower, allocated parking. EPC: B



HALESOWEN, Cross Street£495 pcm - Fees
Beautifully presented and very close to Halesowen Town Centre. This lovely ground floor maisonette features 1 double bedroom and 1 single bedroom, dining kitchen, brand new bathroom with shower, private rear garden and driveway parking for 2 cars. EPC: F



HALESOWEN, Upper Ashley Street£475 pcm - Fees
Set in this quiet residential area close to Blacketh Town Centre is this lovely semi detached home featuring lounge, fitted kitchen with gas oven/hob, 1 double bedroom, bathroom with shower, electric heating, parking, unfurnished. EPC: TBC



NETHERTON, Round Street£475 pcm - Fees
Set in a quiet road, this is lovely semi-detached home. Featuring gas central heating, 1 reception room, fitted kitchen, 1 double and 1 single bedroom, bathroom with shower, rear garden and driveway parking for 2 cars. Popular residential street close to Netherton High Street. 2 months deposit and a guarantor is required. (THE GUARANTOR MUST BE A HOME OWNER, FAMILY MEMBER AND WORKING). EPC: D



CRADLEY HEATH, Hingley Court£460 pcm - Fees
Freshly redecorated and in the centre of Old Hill. This lovely ground floor apartment features an open plan lounge/kitchen with a washer/dryer and a small fridge, 2 large double bedrooms, modern bathroom with shower, 1 allocated parking space behind electric gates. Not to be missed. Available now. EPC: TBC



NEW

HALESOWEN, Brett Young Close£450 pcm - Fees
Situated within a few minutes walk of Halesowen Town Centre and local bus station for buses into Birmingham City Centre. This well presented 1st floor apartment, comprising of 1 double bedroom with built in wardrobes, fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, house bathroom with shower, cosy lounge, double glazing, gas central heating and 1 allocated parking space. EPC: B



CRADLEY HEATH, King Street£450 pcm - Fees
Located in the heart of Old Hill. Ideally situated for local shops, buses and train links is this unfurnished 1st floor modern apartment which comprises of 1 double bedroom, fitted kitchen with a small fridge, spacious lounge, double glazing, electric heating, bathroom with shower, allocated parking space. EPC: C



HALESOWEN, Pippin Avenue£425 pcm - Fees
An unfurnished, modern, spacious ground floor flat on this popular estate and briefly comprising: open plan living room, fitted kitchen, 1 double bedroom, bathroom with shower, electric storage heating, full double glazing, parking space. A minimum contract of 12 months is required. EPC: D



ROWLEY REGIS, Oldbury Road£425 pcm - Fees
Recently refurbished, very generous sized unfurnished flat above shop. Gas central heating, part double glazing, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom with shower, on road parking. Rent includes water rates. EPC: E



CRADLEY HEATH, Archer Gardens£425 pcm - Fees
Set within a quiet complex, close to Cradley Heath town centre and the local train station, is this unfurnished ground floor maisonette, benefiting from gas central heating (Bathroom), electric heating in the lounge and bedrooms, large living room with separate dining area, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, communal gardens and allocated parking. EPC: C




CRADLEY HEATH, Halesowen Road£400 pcm - Fees
This value for money unfurnished terraced house, close to Old Hill Town Centre and Old Hill Train Station. Featuring 2 bedrooms with fitted wardrobes, gas central heating, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen with appliances, downstairs bathroom with shower, on road parking. NO REAR GARDEN. EPC: D

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Mokka - a practical choice

By James Parker

Mokka buyers are people likely to be enthusiasts for life rather than for cars. So they may not care that this car isn't quite as sharp and wieldy as a rival Nissan Juke, nor does it have the 'big SUV' polish of a comparable Skoda Yeti. Instead, there's a potentially pleasing compromise between the two.

Under the bonnet, there are three main engine options, the most affordable, as ever, being the least desirable of the trio, the 2WD-only 115PS petrol 1.6-litre variant which, with only 155Nm of torque, needs to be rowed along a little with the gear

lever – a stick that only offers you five speeds.

A better bet for petrol people is the Mokka we tried, the 140PS 1.4-litre turbo. Sixty is just 9.4s away enroute to 118mph, so it's usefully more rapid, and there's a healthier 200Nm of torque. Despite all this and the standard inclusion of 4WD, the provision of a 6-speed gearbox and more modern mechanicals mean that this pokier 1.4 is actually cheaper to run than the feeble 1.6.

The most practical engine choice though is the one most buyers will probably select, the 130PS 1.7-litre CDTi diesel capable of a top speed of around 116mph and rest to sixty in around 10s.

Pulling

You get all the main mechanical choices with this unit – so you can specify your car with 6-speed manual or automatic transmission and with or without 4WD. Perhaps more importantly, you get a lot more pulling power – 300Nm in all. Every Mokka is theoretically capable of towing a braked trailer of up to 1200kg in weight, but this diesel variant is the only one that'll take such a task in its stride.

Under the skin are the underpinnings of a supermini – more specifically, the Chevrolet Aveo, mechanicals Chevrolet has also used in its Trax small lifestyle Crossover that's one of this Vauxhall's sharpest rivals. In the back, the rear seats benefit from wide opening doors that simplify the fitment of a child seat, though that sharply rising waistline might restrict the view out for smaller occupants. As for luggage room, well, there's no high boot lip to negotiate and beyond it lies 356-litres of space.



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'Most telling comparisons come when you begin to stack this Mokka up against something more conventional

So, this Mokka's a small, trendily-styled five-door little SUV/Crossover isn't it? Well yes. So it'll be priced directly against the other car we tend of think of in this market sector, Nissan's Juke, won't it? Well, no. Vauxhall points out – correctly – that their car is a significantly larger thing – hence the price span for the range that lies in the £16,000 to £24,000 bracket. To put that into perspective for you, that means you'll be paying a price premium of around £2,500 for this Mokka over an equivalent Juke.

Perhaps the most telling comparisons come when you begin to stack this Mokka

up against something more conventional. Why, for example, would you buy a conventional 1.6-litre petrol-powered Vauxhall Astra hatchback when a Mokka with the same engine would save you £1,500 and offer more luggage space?

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Supermini is a bargain buy

The MG3 was designed with the intention of being fun to drive, the chassis having been subjected to many thousands of miles of testing on European roads.

The first cars offered to journalists to drive in China were rather harshly sprung but MG promised to fit springs and dampers that offered a more supple feel for UK roads.

The engine is a 1.5-litre 106PS four-cylinder unit that naturally drives the front wheels. There's nothing revolutionary about the suspension which is fairly standard set-up with MacPherson struts up front and a torsion beam at the rear. You also get a drive-by-wire braking system and an electrically-assisted power steering set-up.

The exterior styling looks quite smart, if maybe a little supermini-generic in a way that could have been produced from one of many manufacturers in this sector if you covered the badges over. Still, because the MG3 looks to undercut many of the established names, this rather blended styling is perhaps to its credit.

It continues the design theme introduced on the MG Zero concept vehicle and the company claims it's "a distinctive statement of modern British style designed to target young and style-conscious buyers". Make of that what you will.

The interior will come as a welcome relief to anybody who's a bit baffled by the complexity and deep technology of many modern superminis. Climb out of a Peugeot 208, with its self-parking system and tablet computer-style central infotainment system and, without being unduly blunt, it's very different. Still, the MG3 is tidy inside with seats that look and feel very Volkswagen.

There are a few white touches around the stereo, on the steering wheel, the door pulls, handbrake and gear lever but aside from that, everything is uniformly grey. Sit in the back seats and you'll find the front seats are sculpted to improve leg room, while the rear headroom is genuinely impressive.

Prices start at under £8,500, getting you this supermini-sized car for less than the kind of money you'd pay for a little citycar. All models get signature front LED lights and a hill holder clutch as standard, with all but the entry model featuring a high quality DAB audio system.

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Firsts are closing in on second placing

Warwick & Worcester Premier Division 1
The George 247
Great Barr 172
 The first team further improved their chances of taking the runners-up spot after completing another big home victory, this time by 75 shots against local rivals Great Barr.

The best of the nine George winners were Steve Dicken (21-6), Paul Hemming (21-7) and captain Phil Clinton (21-8).
South Staffs Premier Division
Penn 234
The George 165
 The second team who are now safe from the threat of relegation went down to a 69-shot defeat at Penn. The George still managed to pick up four points after wins by Neil Hopwood (21-13), John Deakin (21-16), Stewart Meddings (21-17) and Steve Fagan (21-20).
Warwick & Worcester Alliance Division 2
The George 231
Kings Norton 137
 The third team moved to within a point of top place with just three games left after a 94-shot win against Kings Norton. Bob Sansom (21-3), Fred Richards (21-4), Dave James (21-6), Dave Hill and Lee Dicken (both 21-8) all won.

A bronze award for refs group

WOLVERHAMPTON Referees' Association have been handed a top national award.
 They are just the 11th Association in the country – out of 256 – to achieve the Bronze Award and the first in the West Midlands.
 It is for the Association's work with the referees of Wolverhampton and was handed out by the Referees' Association of England chairman Ian Davies.
 The Association needed to prove their members were proactively involved and aware of the election of officers.
 Their finances, including accounts, and records – which needed to be on an electronic database – had to also be checked.

Yeltz see point of Bragoli's bomb

Halesowen 1 Skelmersdale 1
 DANNY Bragoli's last minute equaliser gave Halesowen the share of the points in a feisty encounter against Skelmersdale United.
 Halesowen made three changes to the side that featured against Black Country Rangers last week, with Peter Till, Joe Hull and star Elliott Turner all starting, while Joel Kettle, Aaron Griffiths and Neil Macenzie were reduced to the bench.
 Skelmersdale had the first chance at goal in the 9th minute, as Danny Mitchley's curling shot from 18 yards out flew straight

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 into Matt Sargeant's hands. Halesowen struggled to get into the game at first, but they started to create some chances 15 minutes in, as Aaron Forde was gifted space on the edge of the 18-yard box, but his shot wasn't up to scratch as the ball flew wide of the right hand post.
 Curtis Tilt nearly became the first Yeltz player to score in the Northern Premier League as he beat the defence to Peter Till's corner ball, but his headed effort just

flew over the top of the bar. Skelmersdale were then left with an injury concern just a minute before the break, as Kenny Strickland collided into Curtis Tilt, and came worse off, as he hit the deck, and was then carried off with a suspected broken nose.
 The deadlock was broken on 75 minutes, as Sargeant undid all his hard work by rushing off his line, and McCarthy hit a shot under him and was going in until Curtis Tilt managed to keep the ball out, but Sargeant couldn't get back to his line quick enough, as McCarthy chased up the loose ball and tapped it in.

The Yeltz did respond positively, as almost immediately after the goal, Elliott Turner was gifted space on the left side of the penalty area, but he struggled to keep his balance, as his shot went wide of the left hand post.
 United were then reduced to 10 men, as a clash between Connor McCarthy and Matt Sargeant led to both players getting a yellow card.
 However, there was one last twist Danny Bragoli lobbed the keeper from 20 yards out to snatch a pointto get Halesowen off the mark.

Yeltz ladies hold on to lead in 9-goal thriller

Halesowen Ladies 5 Wednesfield 4
THE Yeltz squad faced Wednesfield, who are two leagues above them in the Regional Premier, for a pre-season friendly.
 This of course meant it was always going to be a tough game for the home side.

However, history has shown that the better the opposition, the more Halesowen always raise their game to meet the challenge.
 Playing with a strong wind across the pitch Halesowen didn't wait for the visitors to settle into the match but took the game to them.
 With the strong powerful midfield pairing of new signing Claire Wilson and Lyndsey Glover the home side were giving nothing away.
 There was some great work on the wing by Sophie Richards who found Rachel Letford unmarked and with a controlled take down she placed the ball past the stranded keeper.
 Within 20 minutes the home side were two up through Lyndsey Glover who sent a looping ball into the roof of the net from 25 yards.
 Richards scored a deserved goal late on in the half with Katie Moore showing the visitors how Halesowen's wingers play.
 Half time came with Halesowen having most of the control of the game throughout the first period.
 It was a different story in the opening of the second half and Wednesfield with nothing to lose came at the Yeltz.
 The tackles were crunching and it was no place for the faint-hearted.



Rachel Letford, No.9 puts the ball past the Wednesfield goalkeeper for one of the scores

Pics start off with win over Albion

Rushall Olympic 2 Wotton Albion 1
 RUSHALL Olympic made it a winning start to their home league programme by producing a battling display to overcome the challenge of a resolute Wotton side.
 The visitors, who were looking to bounce back from a heavy opening day defeat, dominated the opening 20 minutes or so but the Pics dug in and after Josh Craddock had hit the bar the home side opened the scoring five minutes before the break when Carl Palmer slotted the ball past visiting keeper Chris Sanna.
 If the home side thought that the second half was going to be a stroll then they couldn't have been more wrong as once again it was the visitors who enjoyed the better of the opening exchanges of the second half and on the hour mark they equalised when Scott Bakkor ran on to a headed pass from Neil Harvey to fire past Chris Gemmell.
 The Pics though showed their pedigree and substitute Ryan Winwood made a huge difference when he came on. He combined with Farrell who sent a left foot shot into the corner of the net to give the Pics an excellent three points

Dorgan locks up the game

Dudley Sports 0 Willenhall 1
 A Matt Dorgan wonder strike won an absorbing West Midlands Premier game for Willenhall at Dudley Sports.
 Michael Clark, Andre Calder, Joe Noel and Ryan Ward all had efforts in the first 20 minutes without threatening a goal.
 The winner came a minute later and what a score it was.
 Tom Turner's knock down bounced perfectly for Dorgan and he absolutely hammered his strike, flying over Dominic Richards' head and in from almost 30 yards.
 Turner then fired wide a minute later.



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Lambert fuming at Koeman comments

VILLA manager Paul Lambert has criticised Southampton boss Ronald Koeman over his public chase of defender Ron Vlaar.

The Saints manager has made no secret of his admiration for the Villa captain, who he managed at Feyenoord, saying he would 'really like' to have him at St Mary's.

Vlaar, who impressed in Holland's run to the World Cup semi-finals in the summer, has just one year left on his deal at Villa Park, although the club are planning to offer him fresh terms.

Lambert cast doubt over Vlaar's future when he said he was unsure if his skipper would stay, but insisted Koeman should not have gone public.

"I think he is disrespecting when talking about other team's players when they are still their players," he said.

"I think that's wrong. I wouldn't mind if he picked up the phone, but you don't go public on it.

"That's the thing that annoyed me the most and the stance is still exactly the same with Ron."

Vlaar, 29, joined Villa in a £3m move from Feyenoord in 2012 and helped them to a 1-0 opening-day win at Stoke on Saturday.

Single goal cracks Potters

Stoke 0 Aston Villa 1
 ANDREAS Weimann's second-half strike proved the difference as Aston Villa won 1-0 at Stoke to open their account for the season.

Weimann rifled a shot in off Asmir Begovic in the 50th minute to steer the visitors to three points.

Villa had not won away from home since January 1 and their six league games on the road previous to this had all ended in defeat in a poor conclusion to 2013/14.

Stoke, on the other hand, had finished the campaign strongly, and lost only three times in the league at the Britannia Stadium over the whole season.

However, it was Villa who made the winning start with a result that could have been even more emphatic had Gabriel Agbonlahor and substitute Leandro Bacuna not squandered decent opportunities either side.

Blues are left frustrated by Berra's brace

Birmingham 2 Ipswich 2

SCOTLAND international Christophe Berra was the thorn in Birmingham's side with two opportunist goals to earn Ipswich a 2-2 Championship draw at St Andrew's.

Birmingham twice took the lead through David Edgar and Clayton Donaldson but the Tractor Boys would not be denied with Berra obtaining his second goal two minutes from time.

Birmingham were indebted to a smart save by Darren Randolph in the 10th minute when he prevented Daryl Murphy from opening the Tractor Boys' account.

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Birmingham's best opportunity in this period fell to Lee Novak. Goalkeeper Dean Gerken dropped a high ball but the former Huddersfield striker jabbed at the ball and ballooned over the bar.

Novak's next attempt was on target but his weak header from a Paul Caddis cross posed no problem for Gerken.

The finishing of the Ipswich attack was equally indifferent. In particular Murphy should have made a better fist of scoring

only to twist his shot well wide of the target.

Ominously Birmingham began to dominate the exchanges and there was one scare when Donaldson snatched at a low cross from David Cotterill and shot wide as challenged by Tommy Smith.

It was a warning shot for Ipswich as Birmingham created the breakthrough in the 30th minute, their Canadian defender Edgar obtaining his first goal for the club.

The Ipswich defence were entirely at fault on this occasion as no one marked Edgar on the far side for Cotterill's corner and the former Burnley player picked his

spot to score with a well-directed header.

The visitors' equaliser came five minutes into the second half and again it was from a dead-ball situation.

On this occasion it was a free-kick from Anderson deep on the left which was glanced into the net by Berra.

Birmingham's tenacious spirit was demonstrated in the 63rd minute when Donaldson latched on a long through pass from Wes Thomas to slip the ball past the advancing Gerken. Nevertheless, they were denied victory when Berra converted a pass from Anderson to earn a last-gasp draw.

Irvine has hopes for new deals

ALAN Irvine said Albion are hopeful of making new signings sooner rather than later.

The head coach is keen to add at least another striker and wide midfielder to his squad and says enquiries remain ongoing.

Irvine admits no signings will arrive until this week at the earliest, but says the club and chairman Jeremy Peace are keen to get their business done.

"I don't think anything will happen in the next couple of days but there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes," said Irvine.

"We are making enquiries and we're hoping something drops sooner rather than later. The chairman is keen to do something well before deadline day."

Albion have the option of bringing in one more player on a domestic loan but Irvine says they would prefer permanent deals or a loan player from abroad.

Meanwhile, Irvine says he hopes Joleon Lescott will return to training soon. The head coach also revealed positive news on midfielder James Morrison after his knee injury. "I'm hoping he will get some football soon."

Two late goals set up replay

St Andrews 2 Tipton 2
 TWO goals in the last five minutes earned Tipton Town an FA Cup replay after a 2-2 draw at Leicestershire side St Andrews.

Sam Taylor scored from a penalty. Callum Garis added a second.

But Courtney Pitt buried a header before Alex Ford set up the replay.

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DRAW DOUBLE FOR THE YELTZ

Halesowen Town 1 Belper Town 1

HALESOWEN remain unbeaten with two draws from the first two games.

The points were shared in an early season meeting of last season's two promoted teams. Before the game a one-minute silence was held as a mark of respect for Arthur Yates who was a well-known figure around the club and helped at The Grove for many years.

The Yeltz soon took an early lead when Elliott Turner converted a fine right wing cross from Peter Till after just 11 minutes.

Jon Froggatt was then unlucky in the 20th minute for Belper after turning from 20 yards to watch his shot strike the base of the post and rebound into the arms of grateful goalkeeper Matt Sargeant.

Evaded

A 23rd minute overhead kick from Robert Thompson-Brown fell just wide and Till continued to link up well with Kris Green down the right as Green's 26th minute cross just evaded the forward line.

In defence, Thompson-Brown tracked back to make a crucial tackle on Belper's advancing full-back Chris Jones after half an hour.

After the period of huff and puff, the game sprung to life just before the interval when Halesowen's Danny Bragoli was penalised for handling the ball in the 43rd minute.

However, goalkeeper Sargeant saved Froggatt's resulting penalty kick with

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his legs down the centre of goal.

But the Yeltz lost some concentration and as Belper played the ball back into the danger zone, Froggatt headed back across goal for Colin Morrison to convert Belper's 44th minute equaliser from close range.

The Nailers came out early for the second half with all guns blazing to apply intense pressure on the Yeltz goal with a series of dangerous corners and free-kicks. Ian Ross's 58th minute deep cross was cleared for two corners before the Yeltz cleared off the line.

But the home defence held firm with Sargeant making a good save from Regan Edridge after Ross delivered another 65th minute free-kick.

After weathering the storm, Halesowen forced two late chances of their own with a 75th minute snapshot from Thompson-Brown saved well by Belper goalkeeper James Martin. Halesowen's Ben Haseley then missed a golden chance to win the game.

Netball league back at its original home



Dudley Netball League returns to the George Salter Academy

This season sees the Dudley Netball Academy return to the George Salter Academy where they played some 40 years earlier as the Dudley & District Netball League.

Many things have changed over the years and the venue is no exception, with its new courts, posts and floodlighting.

When the league began, there was one division which soon escalated to three divisions.

Grasshoppers topped Division 1 and that's where they stayed for several years. They also won top awards.

In 1986 they competed in the National Finals tournament and came out as winners. The league was delighted and because of their success, began to attract teams from Birmingham, Worcester and Shropshire.

Grasshoppers' juniors also had success in 1986/7 winning the Bar-

clays Tournament. They are the longest serving club in the league and are still going strong and have three teams in the league.

Dudley Leisure has followed in their footsteps, being the league's top team and winners of Division 1. They are coached by Chris Groves who is a long serving, dedicated member of the league.

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